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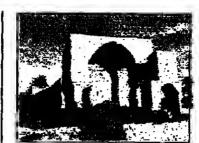
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Clinton: Iraq must make total compliance

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Foreign ministers from the US, Britain, and France last night headed for an extraordinary middle-of-the-night meeting in Geneva with their Russian counterpart to decide whether his plan

will end the UN showdown with Iraq.
Toughest to persuade will be the US, which has been rushing warplanes and other forces to the Gulf region because of Saddam's expulsion of Americans serving on the UN team looking for weapons of mass destruction.

US President Bill Clinton yesterday spelled out the US bottom line on the crisis, saying any resolution must be based oo full Iraqi compliance with UN arms inspectors.

As he spoke, stealth fighter jets set off for the Gulf to join a growing US air and naval force, putting extra muscle behind the demands oo Saddam's government. Also scheduled to leave for the region later were six B-52 bombers from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

"Iraq must comply with the unanimous will of the international community and let the weapons inspectors resume their

work to prevent Iraq from developing an arsenal of nuclear, chemical and hiological weapons," Clinton said at a White House gathering. He said monitoriog must go on without

Iraqi interference.
"That's our top line, that's our bottom

line," he said. Clinton's remarks appeared aimed at heading off speculation that Washington, which has taken a tough line against

softening the restrictions on Iraq since the 1991 Gulf War, would let Saddam escape full compliance with UN resolu-

Israel is closely monitoring the situation in the Gulf and particularly in Iraq, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday. "Saddam Hussein tries at certain peri-

ods to ignite the region. I'm sure, however, that the UN and the

United States will find the appropriate answer," he told reporters in the North.

"I believe that if there are any changes in the assessments of the situation or if there is a need for any action. I very much hope that we will be updated beforehand so we may consider whether it would be necessary to take any steps,"

Mordechai said after touring parts of the western sector of the security zone.

He added that the crisis in the Gulf and its potential ramifications are constantly being assessed. "We are closely monitoring the situation and preparing for various possibilities. We hope, however, that the crisis will end in such a way that the UN, the United States, and the other powers will continue activities in Iraq and prevent it from having the ability to produce, today and in the future, weapons of mass destruction,"

He reiterated that there is no cause for

Mordechai said.

panic and called on Israelis to go about their daily lives as usual.

However, the oumber of Israelis exchanging gas masks for new models has increased fourfold, to 10,000 a day, since the start of the latest Gulf crisis, Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom told Israel Radio yesterday.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, speaking to reporters at Cairo airport on her way to Geneva from New Delhi, where she cut short a visit to India, took the same tough line as Clinton.

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THE AGENDA

Dagan's urgent US mission

At the beginning of the week, the prime minister's adviser on terrorism, Maj.-Gen. Meir Dagan, was sent on an urgent mission to Washington: to campaign against the removal of Syria from the list of countries which encourage drug traffick-

ing.
This was an attempt by Israel -confronting the FBL the CIA and the Department of the War against Terrorism in the State pariment – to prove in "gift" given to Assad due to a possible US confrontation with Iraq and the political standstill in Damascus-Jerusalem negotiations, was unjustified.

Jerusalem blames the Israeli Embassy in Washington for a lack of alertness: the ambassador appears to be asleep, while the political attache seems to suffer from a chronic case of self-satisfaction. With relatively little effort, the embassy might have gotten wind of the US reversal regarding Syria, while there was still time to alert Israel's friends in

Perhaps the announcement about Syria was an inevitable outcome of the president's desire to signal Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that his grace period had ended.

Another such signal, even more blatant and painful, was transmitted via the difficulty involved in "coordinating the schedules" of US President Bill Clinton and Netanyahu during the latter's visit to the US, even though both of them happened, coincidentally, to end up in Los Angeles on the same morning this week.

A third signal was sent from Doha to Cairo, where US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in effect, placed responsibility for the partial boycott of the economic conference on Israel.

The hardest period is still ahead of us. At the beginning of next month - probably on December 8 - Netanyahu wili be received by Clinton. This time it will not be a courtesy call the sort which Netanyahu had hoped to be granted in LA. According to sources in

Washington, there is a good chance that Clinton, for the first time, will propose an American plan for compromise with the Palestinians. This he will do, among other things, by stressing American interests in the Middle East, and by attributing his difficulty in forming a coalition against Saddam Hussein to the peace process's impasse.

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PM: We'll probe Likud parley



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (right) listens to his Likud supporters yesterday at a meeting of the party's Knesset caucus, as

Sharon gives US final-status maps

WASHINGTON - National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday presented the US with maps outlining Israel's security and settlement concerns in a final-status arrangement with the Palestinians.

"Israel must retain several security zones in the territories in any final-status settlement," Sharon

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry has begun

to investigate the importers and

marketers of a steroidal bormone,

DHEA, on suspicion of advertis-

ing false claims that the nou-pre-

scription product is a ministry-

approved "revolutionary cure for

The Jerusalem Post yesterday

brought the matter to the attention

of the ministry's pharmaceuticals

and food service divisions, and

ministry spokesman Dubi Ben-

Ami said officials would investi-

gate whether there was a basis to

file a complaint with the police or

take legal action against the com-

An ad for the Super DHEA

"Men's Formula" appeared in the

Nashim supplement of Ma'ariv on Monday. Marketing compa-nies said the product, which is being snatched off sbelves in

Europe and the US," is now on

sale "with Health Ministry

approval" in pharmacies, nature

food stores. Superpharm and

The ad claimed the formula was

a "breakthrough for those suffer-

impotence."

panies.

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Health Ministry probes

'Fountain of Youth' drug

Sandy Berger in a White House

Among the zones to be retained are the Jordan Rift Valley, east-

ing from erection difficulties due

to physical or emotional causes"

and "increases sexual activity and

The ad also claimed it was

meant for "men with a low sperm

couot and fights the aging

Batya Haran, director of the

ministry's pharmaceuticals divi-

sioo, and Raya Boyarsky, in

charge of registering food supple-

ments in the food service divi-

sion, expressed shock that the

companies would falsely claim to

are barred in Israel," they said.

There is no import license. We

don't know bow they got it in, but

we will investigate," Haran

promised. "If necessary, the prod-

act will be removed from store

and pharmacy shelves and an

order will be given at the ports to

prevent its eotry into the country."

Boyarsky noted that no food

supplement may legally make

therapeutic claims, and that no

hormone may be sold as a food

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supplement.

"This is terrible. Sales of DHEA

have ministry approval.

is an aphrodisiac."

told US National Security Adviser west roads bisecting the territories, and water sources, an Israeli official said.

No statements were made after

the one-hour meeting, following which Sharon flew on to New

> The meeting dealt primarily with the Israeli-Palestinian track, but not on how to make the jump into final-status negotiations. The two also briefly covered the con-

The US is also working on its

own plan for final-status arrangements, which will be presented to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in his planned meeting next month with US President Bill

Clinton. According to a US source, the

American plans will also be pre-sented to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Sentry tells Shahak: No entry

Imagine sitting in a guard booth way past midnight in a base somewhere next to nowhere, when suddenly a car drives up and an officer gets out yelling at you to open the gate. Then the passenger door opens and out steps the chief of general staff on a surprise inspec-

Before dawn on Tuesday a young recruit found himself in situation and stood his ground: he didn't let the general

"I don't have a key to the gate so you can't come in," the guard was quoted as saying. After summoning his officer, she

appeared, pale and flustcred, clutching the key.

It wasn't the best reception Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak could have received, but it certainly could have been worse - had the guard been, well, not fully con-

Shahak and his entourage eventually gained entrance to the training base, where they swept through

the barracks, vehicle park, and buildings, telling them to tighten up the garbage detail before moving on to the next base.

A report of the noctumal visit was first broadcast on Israel Radio by military reporter

Carmela Meoashe and was confirmed military by sources. The

IDF Spokesman initially said it was investigating the report, but then refused to comment on

As chief of general staff, the late Moshe Dayan was

known to per-

(Brian Hendler) form similar surprise inspections, often driving himself across the country. This week's surprise inspection by Shahak will certainly have a number of base commanders losing sleep in anticipation of

his next visit.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised yesterday to set up an inquiry committee to examine the events of the recent Likud convention, He would abide by any recommendation that it makes, be said.

But before the probe, he made it clear there would be no question of sacking his right-hand man, Avigdor Lieberman, the directorgeneral of the Prime Minister's Office.

Lieberman himself denied last night that be has told associates be

MKs trek to Netanyahu's office, Page 2

would like to leave his job for work in private business.

However, a oumber of Likud sources say they bave heard Lieberman expressing a desire to quit for well over a month.

The news among Netanyahn's foes yesterday was that Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert conversed briefly by phone with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, after the two bad refused to talk to each other for several days.

Their cause suffered a setback vesterday when it nurned out that according to Knesset rules it would take 17 MKs to split the Likud faction and come away with the party name and assets. It was previously thought that 12 would suffice. In addition, the reckoning must include the entire Likud-Tsomet-Gesher contingent and not the Likud component

Milo contended last night that the uprising against Netanyahu has "not at all lost steam." Speaking on Channel 1, Milo said the rebellion had oot fizzled out, hut was moving along satisfactorily. He expected new recruits for his venture, because "many of the ministers and MKs who spoke to Nctanyahu (yesterday) emerged

unhappy with what they heard." Shortly after his plane touched down early yesterday morning, Netanyahu became involved in hectic efforts to defuse the Likud crisis. He launched a marathon of tete-a-tetes with ministers and leading MKs.

In the afternoon he met a delegation of Likud mayors - excluding Olmert and Milo - who came to express support, in view of what they claimed were attempts to denose him while he was abroad.

Today, Netanyabu will meet with Olmert and Communications Minister Limor Livnat. While both have not openly crossed over to opposing Netanyahu, they were reported to be colluding with opposition circles, in schemes geared to replace Netanyahu as Likud leader.

A top source close to Netanyahu vehemently denied last night that there was any thought of sacking Livnat.

In all his meetings yesterday, Netanyahu stressed that he favors "an exhaustive probe into all that went on in the Likud convention."

He said at his meeting with the mayors that "all aspects of the convention will be examined and oo stone will be left unturned. Whatever needs be corrected in the Likud will be corrected."

Netanyahu's political day began with a series of short meetings

with Science Minister Michael Eitan, Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi, Deputy Defense Minister Sylvan Shalom and Likud Knesset faction chairman Meir Sheetrit.

In between the Likud-centered politics, he also took up demands for a national unity government with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani. All this was topped by a visit from Likud activists, who showed up with placards backing Netanyaho and ieberman.

Netanyahu told Shalom he had "accepted the idea of an internal inquiry. "He said he would undertake in advance to accept and implement any findings and recommeodations the committee makes, even if they are of a per-

sonal nature," Shalom said. tioo members had wished, the inquiry would be headed by a former judge, most likely Arych Scgalson," the name first put forth by Likud MKs.

The committee would be giveo a free hand... It would also be empowered to make operative recommendations regarding specific persons... and Netanyabu agreed that he would abide by anything the committee comes op with," Sheetrit asserted.

Earlier yesterday Sheetrit canceled a consultation which was to have produced a list of faction demands, including a demand that Lieberman be fired and the convention decisions oullified due to alleged irregularities in the pro-

ceedings. Eitan said that at their meeting "Netanyahu would oot discuss the Lieberman questioo before the inquiry. I repeated my position that Ivet was behind the entire convention plot. There is a whole system for which he is responsi-

Eitan said he told Netanyahu that "this is what the anger in the Likud is about - among those of us who oppose moves to topple Netanyahu. It is only the permanent opposition in the Likud of relectiess Netanyahu foes like (MKs Ze'ev) Begin, (Dan) Meridor and (David) Re'em who are pursuing this personal vendet-

ta against Netanyahu."
"We want the party rehabilitated," Eitan added. Hanegbi ascribed the Likud's

ills to "a lack of trust on both sides. Ever since the Bar-On Affair, Netanyahu has beeo walking around with the feeling that some ministers are out to get him. Some ministers feel be has marked them for a political hit."

The anti-Netanyahu forces, meanwhile, consoled themselves yesterday with the oews that Olmert and Milo has spoken to each other, after oot being on speaking terms since Milo exposed the plan to split the Likud and leave Netanyahu effectively outside the party.

According to several Likud sources yesterday, Olmert and Milo agreed not to compete with each other for a post-Netanyahn Likud leadership.

The idea is that Olmert would seek comination for prime minister within the Likud while Milo would seek an independent nomination.

Neither mayor would confirm this deal. Olmert did not even admit that he was in league with

NEWS

Sadat's widow makes call for peace

On the 20th anniversary of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's groundbreaking visit to Jerusalem, his widow asked Arabs and Jews to forget the past and finally make peace.

"Both Arabs and Jews can come together and create a new civilization," Jihan Sadat told Israel Radio yesterday. "I wish really to see this peace ... I am sure I will see it in my lifetime." Sadat's arrival in Jerusalem on November 19, 1977 marked the first ever visit by an Arab leader to Israel and set in motion the unfinished peace process.

PA panel checking Tzurif arrests

The Palestinian Legislative Council has formed a committee to investigate charges by Hamas that the Palestinian Anthority handed over two Hamas militants to Israel last week, Palestinian sources said yesterday.

Hamas charges that the PA Preventive Security Apparatus, led by Col. Jibril Rajoub, arranged for the transfer of the two suspects, Ismail Ranimat, 25, and Garnal Jibril Alhour, 27, as part of security cooperation with Israel. Rajoub has denied this. Ranimat and Alhour are the alleged ringleaders of a cell blamed for a string of attacks that killed 11 Israelis and wounded 49, including five drive-hy shootings and the bombing of the Apropo Cafe in Tel Aviv in March.

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib

Two arrested in suspected spy case

The Petah Tikvah Magistrate's Court yesterday lifted a publication ban on a case of alleged espionage involving two men from Ashdod who were arrested in October and then released. Yosef Hirsch, 30, was arrested on suspicion of spying and contact with an enemy agent. He was released on October 30.

Juhar Farhan, 37, was suspected of involvement in the same affair, and arrested on October 19 on suspicion of using a forged document. His arrest warrant says that Farhan immigrated to Israel using forged documents from Iraq, which indicated that he had a Jewish relative or a Jewish mother. He was released

World's first surviving septuplets born in Iowa

The world's first surviving set of septuplets was born in an Iowa hospital yesterday, their grandfather announced.
The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, 29, and her husband Kenny, 27, have already named the four boys and three girls. The couple also has a 2-year-old girl, Mikayla, who, like the septuplets, was conceived with the aid of the fertility drug, pergonal.

The babies weighed between 0.9 kg and 1.5 kg., with the boys weighing slightly more, Bob Hepworth, the mother's father, said. There are no known surviving septuplets in the world.

The last septuplet birth in the United States occurred in 1985. Only three survived.

US troops 'routinely' train in Negev

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Elite US naval and ground forces have been quietly carrying out exercises in the Negev this month, but US officials said the training had nothing to do with American preparations for e possible confrontation with Iraq.

"It is a routine, pre-planned, and periodic exercise," said Richard Scorza, a spokesman for the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. "It has nothing to do whatsoever" with the tensions over Iraq, Scorza said.

Hc said about 130 servicemen from the US Nevy's Special Warfare Command and the US Army's Special Operations Detachment are taking part in the training. The troops are attached to the USS Guam, a helicopter carrier docked in Haifa.

Called "Boundary Waves," the exercise began on November 4 and is to cud on November 25, said Lt. Ed Zigler, a public affairs officer for the Special Operations Command.

"The training consists of routine tasks normally assigned to special operation forces, with an emphasis on live-fire exercises," Zigler said,

situation in Iraq. Scorza said the date for the exercise had been set four months ago. US forces routinely use Israeli

adding that it has no relation to the

firing grounds for training. Since strategic cooperation between Israel and the US began in earnest in 1983, the Americans have carried out over 90 exercises here, mostly in the Negev. The IDF provides the training grounds, tents, field toilets, and showers.

But both Israel and the US are not keen on publicizing the exercises. The IDF Spokesman refused to comment on the exercise and referred all queries to the US Embassy.

In contrast, the Pentagon rou-tinely publicizes US participation in military exercises in Jordan and Egypt. Last month, US forces participated in joint maneuvers with the Egyptian army and other forces and the media were invited to watch. But in Israel, the IDF tried to prevent photographers from snapping the Marines.

"I had to use a long-range lens to take some photos," said Avi Malui, a photographer for Ma'ariv.

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"Iraq must not be allowed to threaten the world through the development of nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons. No outcome short of this is acceptable," she said.

UN arms experts told the Security Council yesterday that Iraq could produce mustard gas within several days or weeks in view of the suspension of arms inspections in the country.

The weapons inspectors also said that with the equipment Iraq is known to possess, it could produce 350 liters of weapons-grade anthrax bacteria each week, enough to fill two Al-Hussein missile warheads or four aerial bombs, according to papers obtained by Reuters.

They added that, with Iraq's

admitted experience and know-how on large-scale production of biological warfare agents and with the fermenters and bioreactors and growth media on hand, "there is no limiting factor in Iraq with regard to the growth and production of BW

The accounts were given to council members by Richard Butler, head of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) in charge of ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

US Ambassador Bill Richardson said yesterday that Iraq's weapons continue to pose a "grave threat" and show Baghdad is still in violation of Security Council resolutions. He said the council could not close its files in any of the fields, including ballistic missiles, where arms inspectors have destroyed

nearly all the Scuds imported to Iraq before the Gulf War.

Russia and France have said Iraq needs to see "a light at the end of the tunnel" - meaning a possibility the UN will eventually lift stringent oil embargo sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of

"It's appropriate at this time for Saddam Hussein to comply with the requirements that have been placed upon him by the international community," State Department spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters yesterday. Pressed to restate the requirements, he included respect for the rights of Iraq's Kurdish population and for the Shi'ites in the south - a new element in the current dispute. He also implied that the US sees no hope

Saddam could meet the conditions. "If in other words he became someone other than the Saddam Hussein we've come to know and began to implement relevant resolutions ... that's the condition upon which the United Nations could very easily then begin to move away

from a sanctions regime," he said. The US State Department yester-day issued a rare "worldwide caution" to US citizens abroad to beware of possible anti-American violence, because of a combination of recent Middle East and other

A public announcement listed the convictions this month of two foreigners in US courts, guerrilla attacks in Pakistan and Egypt, and "the general situation in the Middle East" as reasons to take extra care. It said US diplomatic posts worldwide are taking "appropriate securi-ty precautions," but gave no details.

MKs trek to Netanyahu's office in search of probe promise

By LIAT COLLINS

One by one ministers and senior MKs left the Knesset for the Prime Minister's Office across the road and came hack to the House to report that he would likely support a thorough investigation into the events of the Likud convention last week.

First to make the journey was Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, followed by Science Minister Michael Eitan, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani - who demanded a national unity government - and later by Likud whip Meir Sheetrit, Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi, Environment and Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan and others.

Today he is expected to meet with Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. The two briefly met in the Knesset cafeteria yesterday, where earlier this week she also met with Likud MK Dan Meridor.

Sheetrit said he expected Netanyahn to support the establishment of an investigating committee into the Likud convention and give it full backing and pow-

"I think that additional steps should also be taken to show that

bers will know it is nobody's political tool," Sheetrit said. "If the current situation continues - of fear by MKs that their political careers are marked by those with the power to break them - they have nothing to lose and it just pushes them over the edge. I think the prime minister understands this and will take the

necessary action." "An investigating committee will be established, to be headed probahly by a judge, which will look into all the events of the Likud convention, without any restraints and with a completely free hand," Shalom said. "The prime minister has promised in advance to accept all the committee's recommendations, including those on personnel if there are any."

He said he saw this as a step forward. He avoided answering a direct question on whether the prime minister would fire the director-general of his office, Avigdor Lieberman.

Michael Eitan is demanding Lieberman be removed.

MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) yesterday backtracked from his per-ceived support for Labor leader Ehud Barak over Netanyahu. He said be favors a national unity government, and it is less important who heads it. But he said he is "disappointed" with Netanyahu.



Communications Minister Limor Livnat in the Knesset yesterday.

17 Likudniks needed for party split

A further review by Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar of the regulations concerning a group break-ing away from the Likud has found it would need at least 17 MKs to keep the name "Likud" and not 12 as previously stated. Even then, he stated, the group would have to take the triple-barreled name of "Likud-Gesher-Tsomet." If only 11 leave, they could choose a new, shorter name.

The request to reexamine the situation came from MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), who said there is no legal basis for the previous ruling that 12 Likud MKs could leave the faction and keep the name and logo. The reason, according to Kleiner, is that before the elections the party ran as one list - Likud-Gesher-Tsomet - and separate factions, he said.

By LIAT COLLINS

When the word "reform" was

mentioned in the Knesset yester-

day during discussions on reli-

gious councils, it was not used to

describe a stream of Judaism but

the need to rethink the councils'

Shortly after a meeting of the

Knesset Interior Committee on the

religious councils, the Knesset

voted to pass preliminary reading

of Labor MK Yona Yahav's bill to

abolish the religious councils and

transfer the responsibility for pro-

viding religious services to local councils. The bill passed 27 to 15.

The Interior Committee is con-

sidering proposals to abolish the

appointment of salary-drawing

deputy religious council heads, as

the Zaddok Committee recom-

mended; merging the councils into

e regional unit; and privatizing



Eitan yesterday

Bill to abolish religious councils

passes preliminary reading

Sallah Tarif (Labor), met with

Chief Rabbis Yisrael Lau and

Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, as well as

the deputy religious affairs minis-

ters, Yigal Bihi (National

Religious Party) and Arych

Lau said effort should be made

to avoid politicizing the provision

of religious services. Bakshi-

Doron agreed, saying that the reli-

gious councils' current situation is

and things must be put right," he

The committee decided to estab-

lish a subcommittee to draw np

legislation to make the religious

councils more efficient. Tarif, who

is not Jewish, is to head the sub-

"A true reform needs to be car-

ried out," Tarif said. "It should

work on the lines of 'the maxi-

"There are grounds for criticism

Gamliel (Shas).

not good.

The committee, chaired by MK mum provision of religious ser-

councils.

the elections. At the time, it did not do so mainly for fear that Tsomet MKs would quickly break away, as they did in the previous Knesset. In this situation, Kleiner said, all the components of the Likud-Gesher-Tsomet Party belong to the whole party and not the individual factions. "Even if there was a legal pos-

In order for this to be possible, the party would have had to sub-

mit separate faction lists before

sibility of splitting the party into its components and the majority of the renegades were to get the name "Likud," money from the Party Funds Law would still be transferred to the existing party,'

In order to take the name Likud - said in the plenum as Gesher Isomer, at least IF of the ... The most drameter 32 MKs in the party would have

vices for the minimum amount of

money.' ... If the provision of reli-

gious services must be privatized,

there's no shame in it. And it if it

Neither Lau nor Bakshi-Doron

MK Benny Elon (Moledet), who

What would happen if the reli-

gious council heads and their

deputies were not to draw

There are 130 religious councils

employing some 4,000 people; 60

percent of the councils' budgets

come from the municipalities and

the rest from the Religious Affairs

Ministry. More than 90% of the

religious councils' budgets is

salaries?" be asked.

spent on salaries,

also is religious, said the current

situation of the religious councils

"is sacrilegious and shameful."

object outright to abolishing the

is possible to privatize kashrut

supervision, it should be done."

Antiquities bill failure By LIAT COLLINS The struggles within the Likud

Religious MKs fume at

were apparent in the Knesset plenum yesterday where 10 bills were passed against government wishes and at least three government-supported bills were rejected in the absence of coalition

"The coalition today is orphaned. Unfortunately, with such a blundering coalition as this. it seems to me that from now on it will be the opposition which runs the country," Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri (Shas),

came after MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) failed to win approval for a proposed amendment to the Antiquities Law. The amendment would bave required the National Antiquities Authority to consult a ministerial committee before it could issue permits for archaeological digs in

areas where graves are spotted. The proposal fell by a vote of 28 to 38 after the opposition mobilized against it.

Gafni said he would consult with the Council of Torah Sages, claiming the government had violated a promise of support. Several Likud MKs - including Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Silvan Shalom, Ruby Rivlin and Uzi Landau - left the room just before the vote. Referring to the upcoming budget debate, Gafni said he now would consider himself unobliged to toe the Likud

He said that the government had not kept any promises on religious But Gafni later assured reporters

that he wouldn't support leaving the coalition, saying there was no better alternative. .
As Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri left the plenum, an onlooker said

she had heard him say: "The Likud is trash," Deri denied this and said he might have said that the "situation

is the pits." Likud whip Meir Sheetrit said

be was surprised by his reaction. Deri later added that the Likud was not a "true or trustworthy partner ... There is no leadership, there is no coalition, there is no

The first opposition bill to pass a preliminary reading was intro-duced by MK Ephraim Oshaya (Labor). The bill would prevent anyone suffering from a mental illness from serving as prime min-

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Other bills which passed e preliminary reading were on the issues of foreign workers; taxes for divorced couples; rights of mental health patients, one which would charge companies for products wrapped in non-recyclable packaging; and a privatization bill that would require companies to offer 20 percent of shares to work-

'Afula Express' wins best film

Assaf Amir's film Afula Express won best film at the Israel Academy Awards held last night at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. The film won a total of six awards, including best director, Julie Shlez, best actress Esty Zackheim and best supporting actors Arye Moskuna and

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kashrut supervision.

"I have always been a Likud man and will always remain a loyal Likud member," Olmert

David Rudge adds:
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday rejected the idea of ousting Netanyahu, although he did call for a Likud

He also intimated that he would support e national unity government if it were formed. "The prime minister is the

prime minister and will continue in his post," Mordechai said. "Everyone, together with the prime minister, should act against the negative and marginal phenomenon and continue to establish leadership and trustworthi-

"I call on my friends in the Likud to seek the common denominator, unity and the way that together with the present coalition and the opposition, to lead the country and supply the maximum possible in terms of state, security, economic and social needs," Mordechai said in the north.

"I don't think this is the time for splits, rebellion or soul-searching. I think it is the time, however, to seek those areas in which shortcomings were found.

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Asked why the food service division did not see the ad and initiate action by itself, division head Dr. Brian Coussin said be lacks the staff to monitor all the misleading and often illegal ads in the

DHEA stands for dehy-

droepiandrosterone, which is naturally secreted by the adrenal glands, but the pill form is, in most cases, synthetic. Prof. Gideon Friedman, a senior physician and researcher in the internal medicine division of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, said his study of DHEA found that contrary to claims, it showed no therapeutic effects in clinical trials on the elderly. He said it has even showed some suppression of the immune system, which is undesirable.

It is known that at 65, the body produces only about 10 percent the DHEA produced by a younger body. This has led to claims that it is a fountain of youth," Friedman said. "My colleague Dr. Ari Ben-Yehuda and I tried DHEA on aging mice, and found their immune systems improved. But mice don't produce this hormone at all. When we gave DHEA, in controlled, double-blind studies, to elderly getting anti-flu shots, we found the DHEA had no bene-

ficial effect in strengthening their immune systems to make the vaccine more effective," Friedman

The research, published this year in the prestigious Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, has aroused much interest in the medical community.

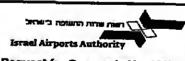
Friedman said he would not prescribe DHEA, as "we don't know what it's good for, and no one has any idea about the long-term effects and risks of such a substance. There is no medical proof that it is at all beneficial."

Calls to the marketing companies brought the information that "30 capsules of Men's Formula cost NIS 180; it is completely safe and natural, and it has Health Ministry approval." No one would identify the importer. -When asked for more informa-

tion, Ofir-Shelpharm pharmacist Liat Kaufman said it "received approval from the Health Ministry's food service division." In the US, DHEA is sold over the counter as well as hy mail order through the Internet.

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THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng lish speaking Jerusalem Rolary Club-took place yesterday at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King Oavid Street, Eliahu Ben-Monka Moshe, Dept. of Demography and Census, Central Bureau of Statistics, addressed the



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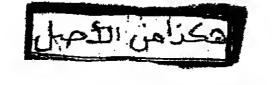
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The Jerusalem Post Thursday, November 20, 1997 Mordechai: IDF has changed its

results in the past two months.

Lebanon situation with senior IDF officers.

Their main decision was that the IDF

should remain in the security zone, as long

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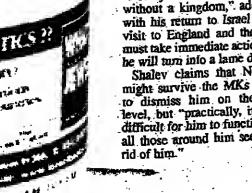
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operational methods in Lebanon operation and in providing additional pro-Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai sugtection for outposts, tanks and vehicles used

in the zone, with the aim of minimizing gested yesterday that the IDF had made some changes in operational methods in There was also a decision to surengthen south Lebanon, which have produced good the South Lebanese Army which, according Mordechai visited the western sector of the security zone yesterday morning after concluding an assessment of the south

to the sources, is in good shape in terms of morale, number of soldiers and ethnic com-Mordechai, accompanied by Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Shaul Motaz, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, and Uri Lubrani, the government's

position in the zone's western sector and met with infantry and armored corps troops, as well as SLA officers and soldiers. Mordechai stressed that oorthern resi-

coordinator on Lebanon, visited an IDF

dents had been able to lead normal lives for most of the last 18 months, despite intensive activities in the zone which sometimes claimed a high price.

He said he had accepted the recommendations of General Command and Northern Command for a need to make tactical changes in methods of operation in south

"Up to now this has proved itself. In the past two months there have been important activities which have been conducted properly and produced results which I hope will continue," said Mordechai.

"We carried out a comprehensive assessment of the simation from the strategicsecurity point of view of what is best to do against the threats, statements and intentions of the other side.

"The conclusion of the defense and security establishments is that under the present conditions and as long as there is no political change, ... the IDF's presence in the security zone and its activities there are vital and there's no alternative," Mordechai said. "Therefore we will have to continue to operate in the security zone."

We will do what is necessary in order to give freedom of action to our soldiers, while at the same time stabilizing the situation to prevent a deterioration into unnecessary conflict," he added.

An SLA soldier, meanwhile, was slightly wounded in a roadside bomb in the Jezzine enclave, north of the zone yesterday. Hizbullah claimed responsibility.

Report: Two new terror groups form in Lebanon

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Two new anti-Israel terrorist groups, both linked to Hizbullah, have been formed in Lebanon, according to the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report.

One group, known as the Islamic Liberation Army (ILA), consists of non-Lebanese Sunni Moslems and is said to be supported by Iran.

The newsletter reported that a senior Iranian cleric representing Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khamenei recently visited Lebanon to attend a "graduation ceremony" for the first batch, made up of Palestinians, Jordanians, Sudanese, Iraqis, Algerians and Egyptians.

According to the newsletter they will use Jordan as a base for launching attacks on Israel.

The second new group, known as the Lebanese Squads for Resistance against Israel, or simply Squads (al-Saraya), is also linked to Hizbullah and seeks to expel Israel from Lebanon. Unlike Hizbullah, however, it comprises fundamentalist Sunnis as well as Shias. Members are described as part-time guerrillas capable of firing mortars.

PA backs off taking census in Jerusalem

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The Palestinian Authority yesterday pulled back from a previously announced plan to take a census in east Jerusalem.

"The Palesnnian Central Bureau of Statistics will not conduct this census within the east Jerusalem area at all," said Daoud Deek, assistant execu-

director licity affairs for the census. "I don't understand why the Israelis protest-

Deek

Avigdor Kahalani

responded to statements made Tuesday by Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani, that a planned PA census in Jerusalem would be in violation of the Oslo Accords, as well as a "blow to Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem."

Kahalani had also called for "operational and political actions" to foil the census, including the addition of extra police and taking legal measures against PA census takers. Among those who participat-

ed in the steering committee meeting with Kahalani on the issue were Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Jerusalem Police District Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, IDF and General Security Service representatives.

The first census ever taken by the Palestinians is to involve some 5,000 census takers and is scheduled for December 10-24. Results are scheduled to be announced on January 4.

Formally known as the Palestinian Population, Housing and Establishments Census, the population count is to cover Palestinian self-rule

Gaza Strip, or areas A,B, and C. The government called on the PA on Monday to exclude Arab residents of east Jerusalem

from the census. David Bar-Illan, director of communications for the Prime Minister's Office, said the government would prevent any Palestinian census taking in

"I don't know by what means, but obviously we are not going to allow this to happen," Bar-Illan had said, "This is a direct violation of the Oslo Accords, indeed a unilateral change of status, and we are not going to let it happen."

Deek said that the census would be "a civil exercise, and is not against any agreement and the Israelis know that."

He alleged that Israel was protesting because "they are trying to give a political dimension to this census. I am astonished by these statements, because we have nothing to do within their municipality."

Deek said villages surrounding Jerusalem would be part of the census, including A-Ram, Bir Nabala, Hizme and Abu Dis. A spokesman for the Civil

Administration agreed that the PA census would be legal in areas A, B and C, but added that signs for the poll have been spotted in Jerusalem neighborhoods such as Abu-Tor. Last month, the PA head of

General Statistics, Hassan Abu Libde, was quoted by the Arabic newspaper Al-Ayyam as calling on Palestinians carrying Jerusalem identification cards to cooperate with census takers, adding that they had the option of withholding their identities and identification numbers.

"At the beginning they said they would go into every Arab neighborhood in Jerusalem," said Haggai Elias, spokesman for Olmert

"Now they say not even one Arab neighborhood. We are sitting-back and waiting."

Intelligence sources: PM, Hussein discuss Arafat is not sick

By STEVE RODAN

City office yesterday.

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat suffers from exhaus-. tion, but does not have a degenerative disease such as Parkinson's, Western and Arab intelligence sources say.

The sources said Arafat works up to 20 hours a day and this has exacerbated the effects of his injuries in an April 1992 plane crash. But they said they have not detected any proof that he has Parkinson's or any other degenerative disease.

We have looked very carefully at Arafat and we can't find anything more than he is getting older and works himself to the bone," said a US congressional staffer with access to intelligence infor-

A Palestinian source with frequent access to Arafat agrees. "When he is tired, you find that his lips shake uncontrollably," he said. "But when he is rested he responds and looks like any other

The PA source said Arafat has resisted pleas from his confidants to rest more and feels that he must maintain control over all details affecting the PA. The source acknowledged that Arafat felt faint and was hospitalized over the past six weeks from what was

termed "exhaustion." The PA source, however, confirmed reports that Arafat's security chiefs have been jockeying for power in what appears to be the first stages of a succession struggle. Arafat, 68, yesterday rejected reports he is suffering from

Parkinson's. "As you see what you can see, I am feeling well and in good health in spite of all the mass media pro-paganda against my health," he said following a meeting with former prime minister Shimon Peres.

His lower lip quivered as he spoke. Peres and Arafat discussed new projects meant to help the Palestinian economy. Peres called for the development of that economy free from Israeli security measures such as closures.

Arafat's health

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Labor MK Shimon Peres shake hands after their meeting at Arafat's Gaza

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's health was one of the main topics discussed at the Ascot summit between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and King Hussein, sources said

The Jordanian monarch was described by them as being particularly concerned about "the post-Arafat era," implying that the line of succession within the PA is unclear and that the chairman's disability or departure from the political scene could cause instability, if not dissension

and unrest. This was one of the reasons given for Hussein's initiative in proposing a summit meeting with Netanyahu on his way home from Netanyahu briefed the cabinet

on his talks with the king immediately after returning from London. Hussein evidently was interested in maximum discretion and minimal publicity, urging his

Israeli guest to leave the traveling press corps behind at the airpon. As a result, there were no TV cameramen or still photographers on hand when the two leaders

Netanyahu's communications adviser, David Bar-Illan, said three issues were discussed:

 the Iraqi crisis, which Netanyahu and Hussein hope will end without a military showdown; • the peace process, with regard to which Netanyahu reportedly

assured the king he intends "to make progress as fast as possible;" · bilateral relations, especially joint development projects.

Netanyahu's desire to move forward in the peace process was tempered, however, by doubt the PA is taking sufficient action to crush the terrorist infrastructure. He reportedly pointed out that lbrahim Makadmeh, who masterminded the 1994 Rehov Dizengoff bus bombing in Tel Aviv. was released from detention by the PA and is walking about freely in

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The putsch

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's exposure of the secret discussions held by him and prominent figures in the Likud to seek ways to kick
Prime Minister Binyamin
Netanyaha out of office received mixed commentaries in the press regarding its effect.

Mile's conduct forced the Likud members to publicly expose their opinions regarding Netanyahu's performance," writes Yediot Aharonot's Nahum Barnea, who adds that Milo has managed to shake the foundations of the

Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev said "Netanyahu has turned into a king without a kingdom," adding that with his return to Israel after his visit to England and the US, he must take immediate action or else he will turn into a lame duck.

Shalev claims that Netanyahu might survive the MKs attempts to dismiss him on the formal level, but "practically, it will be difficult for him to function while all those around him seek to get

Gidon Samet of Ha'aretz believes that the entire struggle in the Likud revolves around selfinterest instead of ideology.

"The war of greed is a dangerous threat to the nature of the government and its values," Samet writes, comparing Netanyahu to a man inflicted with Parkinson's, where his body trembles when he must make political decisions under the threat of losing his position.

In the struggle for political life and death, we have the future of Bibi opposite the future of the

Egyptian terrorism

The scope of the terrorist attack in Luxor, claiming the lives of 60 tourists, "proves that the Islamic extremists rely, at least in southern Egypt, on an infrastructure backed by popular support," writes Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid. He concludes that fundamentalism "is the common adversary of all those seeking peace in the Middle East."

Yediot's Dov Ganchovsky

asserts that "those who endorse acts of terrorism outside their border shouldn't be surprised when it happens in their back yard."

He adds that the attack is a good reason for Israelis not to visit By hurting the tourist industry in

Egypt, the Islamic extremists wage a war against the government, writes Ma'arir's Oded Granot. "They are trying to overthrow the government and establish Islamic rule by shattering one of the building blocks of the Egyptian economy."

Sick health ministry

The dispute between the

Finance and Health ministries regarding the number of job slots is irrelevant in light of the suffering that the strike in the public hospitals is inflicting on the sick citizen," writes Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid. He adds that the Health Ministry is riding on the backs of the patients, which is pure black-

Ha'aretz's Yoel

responds to Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri's remark that the use of expensive medicine for AIDS patients is unnecessary. because is prolongs the life of the parients and increases the costs.

The meaning of this opinion is that if you have been inflicted with a terminal disease, don't expect the state to waste its money on prolonging your life," Marcus writes, adding that "using this line of logic, wouldn't it be more effective to eliminate every diagnosed new terminal patient with a bang on the head?"

Noble intentions

The death of Palestinian boy Ali Juarish, killed by an IDF soldier. and whose organs were donated for transplant in other children, touched Hebrew commentators. In the last few days we have

been reminded that there are also human beings on the other side," writes Elyakim Haetzni in Yediot. "This is a vaccine against blind hatred that first and foremost hurts those who hate."



Poverty: A perceived sense of deprivation

IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

While the recently released statis-tics on poverty indicate that the number of people under the poverty line is dropping, social workers and academics say the gap between the country's rich and poor is growing much wider, something that should concern policy makers.

"The floor is going up slower than the ceiling, widening the gap between the haves and bave not," said Eliezer Jaffe, a professor at Hehrew University's Baerwald School of Social Work and head of the Israel Free Loan Society.

The poverty line is relative to what is going on in the country," Jaffe said. "You can't compare Israeli poverty to Indian, Philippine, or even American poverty in certain

Poverty, in addition to being a statistical measure, is also a "perceived sense of deprivation," Jaffe said. "We are living in a society with tremendous communication, and we are pushing opportunities to people under the poverty line that they can-

"For instance, these people will

not be able to afford college education. This leads to frustration and a lot of feelings of disillusionment. These people are not going to be able to afford housing. There is much less intergenerational support – poor parents can't help children, and it keeps them stuck in the cycle of poverty.

Jaffe said that to the best of his knowledge there is no starvation in Israel, and that although there are growing numbers of homeless, it does not come close to the dimensions of the problem in the US. Barbara Epstein, director of

Community Advocacy - Genesis Israel, a Jerusalem-based social rights advocacy group that helps people access and protect entitlements, said that some people living under the poverty line - which the state has determined to be 50 percent of the average available income -have to steal food to eat, while others will go to the outdoor markets Friday afternoon looking for bar-

"Many people eat Shabbat dinner with their parents every week, not because they want to, but because they have to. There are people who can only afford meat once a week, or who send their children to school with butter or margarine sandwiches because they cannot afford anything else," she said.

Epstein said the poverty-line cutoff does not mean that those who earn NIS 100 or NIS 200 above this amount are having much of an easier time making ends meet, and that the number of people living in severe economic straits is more than the official numbers indicate. "What is NIS 100 more a month going to buy?" she asked. The poverty line for a single person is NIS 1,311 per month, after taxes, and for a family of four the figure is NIS 3,357 per

Epstein said the country should brace for an increase in poverty, as the money for social services, which has steadily increased from 1980 to 1996, is now leveling off. It takes money to fight poverty, she said, and a leveling off of funding means that in two years the country will be fac-

to prevent it, as he was invited by a

This was the answer Deputy

Defense Minister Silvan Shalom

gave, on the government's behalf,

MKs Yossi Beilin (Labor), Salah

Salim (Hadash) and Naomi

The Chilean chief-of-staff is

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execution of some 3,000 and the

torture of many more in the years

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Fred Lazin, a Ben-Gurion University professor of social policy who has conducted a number of studies on poverty, said manifestations of poverty could be seen in the Negev recently following the Succot hail storm.

"My son works with appraisers," said Lazin, "and after the storm went to check out damage to apartments and fill out forms. There were cases where hot water heaters broke, and it may take up to three months to fix them because people don't have the money to pay.

there are people who live with a lot less than most people are used to. I know that if my hot water heater broke, I'd fix it the next day," Lazin said. "Not everyone has that ability." Lazin said it is unrealistic for a country to expect to completely

wipe out poverty. "The US spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the war on poverty before the Reagan years, and never brought it down to below 10 or 12 percent," he said. "No society provides enough



Russian immigrants demand public housing at a demonstration opposite the Knesset yesterday organized by a group called 'My Home is in Israel.' The mock coffins pose the question: 'A humane home in the national home?'

Knesset marks 20 years since Sadat visit

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon opened yesterday's plenum session with a short statement marking 20 years since the visit by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem and his oow famous declaration in the Knesset: "No more war, oo more bloodshed." Tichon yesterday sent a letter of condolence to his Egyptian counterpart over the Luxor massacre.

More gas mask into

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom told the Knesset yesterday it had been decided to add to or even double the number of information stations dealing with questions about gas masks and non-con-

weapon protection kits. Shalom said

AT THE KNESSET Soun rolles that currently

there is not a high risk of a conflict between the US and Iraq, but nonetheless the Home Front Command is prepared for all eventualities.

He said there are enough gas masks kits to continue distributing them for several more months, despite the high demand, but said foreign workers and tourists had not been allocated them,

Pinochet visit

The Foreign Ministry objects to

Raviv to be Investigated

Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) has asked Attorney-General Eliyakim Rubinstein to open an investigation into GSS agent Avishai Raviv following the publication of the previously classified material of the Shamgar Commissioo. Yahalom said the GSS had cast a shadow over the entire national

camp via its handling of Raviv. National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat threatened to petition the High Court if Rubinstein did he headed the regime in the not put Raviv on trial,

Shas threatens to vote against state budget

By LIAT COLLINS

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai of Shas said yesterday he would recommend that his party not support next year's budget unless the Finance Ministry revised proposals to tax peosioners and cut child allowance benefits.

Yishai responded to several motions to the Knesset agenda on

Third Way whip Yehuda Harel said his party would condition support for the budget on government backing for their bill to set up a state authority against pover-

The plan calls for concentrating on setting up vocational and academic training for youth, adults, Arabs and haredim in poor areas. "Paying out for unemployment

and income supplements and so on keep the poor in slightly better conditions and improve the poverty statistics but do not take people out of the cycle of poverty," Harel said. "We must stop giving the poor fish but give them rods and teach them how to go fishing."

He said that in an increasingly high-tech based and privatized economy the under-educated would face increasingly larger problems and that unless intensive measures were taken, the number of poor could grow dramatically.

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The plan awaits approval from the Finance Ministry and the prime minister. Harel called on Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman "not to give in to political pressure to direct funds towards specific sectors but to adopt the Third Way's plan which would serve the

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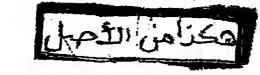
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'Jewish unity' eludes GA

By MARILYN HENRY

INDIANAPOLIS - American Jewish federations ended their annual Geoeral Assembly yesterday, after days of angst and admonitions over pluralism, in which the fund-raisers who live by the slogan "We are one" found themselves in an uncertain and divisive political fray.

They were told to butt in - and butt out of the question of Reform and Conservative conversions in Israel. They were also told that Reform and Conservative Judaism

were - and were not - attractive to Israelis. There were calls for "Jewish unity," which could be achieved either by finding a compromise on the conversion issue or persuading the liberal streams of Judaism to swallow their grievances and stifle their dissent.

There were vigorous debates, with some Israeli officials working overtime to explain to many of the 4,000 delegates what the dispute over conversions was all about

"There is a problem with hasbara," said Gideon Meir, the Foreign Ministry official for Diaspora affairs. He contended that "the question is not 'Who is a Jew.'"

The Council of Jewish Federations, representing more than 180 autonomous agen-

Dog ticks

may carry

fatal disease

By JUDY SIEGEL

One of the country's leading par-

asitologists urges veterinarians to

inform dog owners about the dan-

gers of ticks that can infect humans

with Mediterranean spotted fever

(MSF) ~ a disease that can be

cured with antibiotics but in rare

During the past few weeks, two

young dog owners - a man and a

woman - died of the disease. There

have been 14 such deaths during

the past decade, and all of them are

unnecessary, said Dr. Kosta

Mumcuoglu, a senior parasitology

researcher at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of

Mumcuoglu said that vets might

be reluctant to meotion the risk of

MSF to their customers; "it's not

pleasant to tell someone that their

dog could, directly or indirectly,

While the rabies virus is much.

more deadly than the rickettsia,

conorii bacteria that cause MSF. anyone knows when he's been bit-

ten by a rabid animal, but recognizing the tiny dog ticks is very

es Rocky Mountain spotted fever,

"The dog population is increasing, the ticks are difficult to see,

and in suitable warm and humid conditions io homes, the parasites can multiply and establish them-

The Health Ministry vesterday sent a circular to directors of all general hospitals and emergency rooms refreshing their memories

about RSF. The clinical symptoms

include fever, head and muscle

aches and chills for a few days up

to two weeks - very much like the

flu - with a rash of red spots begin-

ning on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet and then spreading

all over the body. They disappear

People with these symptoms

who have been in contact with

dogs (it is almost unknown in cats)

should immediately inform their

doctor. If treated with tetracycline,

the bacteria are overcome; if not,

20% can die from shock or kidney

Mumcuoglu suggested that the number of actual infeccons must

be considerably greater than those

reported, but since "most people

take antibiotics at some time or

another, the drug could have killed

the bacteria without them knowing

Mumcuoglu explained that dogs

which remain at home or in urban

areas are unlikely to be infected,

but if they romp in fields or woods they can pick up the Rhipicephalus

sanguineus ticks, which like to

hide in or around their ears. After

taking a dog to such places, he

should be well examined and ticks

removed with a tweezer. In any

case, a dog's anti-tick collar should be replaced every three months.

The ticks are yellow and about

two millimeters long between

meals of blood, but swell up to a

full centimeter and turn red or

particularly prefer hairy areas.

brown when engorged.

after a few days.

difficult, the parasitologist said. A different type of bacteria caus-

which exists in the US.

selves."

Medicine.

cases is fatal if left untreated.

cies in North America, has historically tried to maneuver around political imbroglios so as to shield its mission of raising money and providing relief services.

In Indianapolis, however, forums were dominated by debate, calls for reconciliation, as well as the by-now usual invective.

"History will judge us all by how we respond to this challenge and responsibility," said Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, head of the committee seeking a compromise on conversion. "Each stream of Judaism, without exception, has to come closer and unite for the well-being of the Jewish people."

One of the assembly's more electrifying moments came Tuesday at a small panel where David Landau, editor of the English version of Ha arer, told the Americans that their leaders were "dragging" them into a profound schism between American Jews and Israel.

"Stop, think before you are at the point of no return," he pleaded, suggesting that American Jewish support for Israel was conditional - and thus unreliable.

Landau also assailed the Americans for conveying a message that Israel was an "Iran, both fanatical and obscurantist."

"The crisis is not about religion," said Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the Uoited Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. "For some, it's about

power. For others, it is about winning." The tragedy, he said, is that "out of this crisis, no one will become a better Zionist or a better Jew. We will not see the flourishing of Judaism," Epstein said.

Likening the Jews to a dysfunctional family, Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein, president of the Orthodox movement's Rabbinical Council of America, attacked the vitriol that rages from the pulpits, on the Internet and in fullpage newspaper ads that "dismiss and degrade" other Jews, "exercising no restraint in inflaming people at their spiritual

Clearly frustrated, Rubenstein said that despite a peace process that "lies dangerously dormant," and threats from the Gulf, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "has to sit there talking religion with a neurotic fam-

The conversion question was for rabbis to discuss - not the Knesset, the United Jewish Appeal or the New Israel Fund, Rubenstein said. For Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, both of whom addressed the assembly, "that's politics," he said. "It will not do anything to stem the divisions here."

Then, with a jab at the Reform movement and the federation system, Rubenstein said: We realized too late that we should have been talking years ago. I wish [the federa-tions] had a big meeting when partilineal was discussed." That was a reference to the American Reform movement's adoption a generation ago of patrilineal descent as a legitimate standard of determining whether someone is Jewish. Patrilineal descent remains the single unbridgeable chasm between the Reform and Orthodox move-

Delegates got a boost when US President Bill Clinton mentioned religious freedom in a brief satellite broadcast.

"Let us work together to expand religious freedom around the world," Clinton said. Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said he was impressed with Clinton's call for a "campaign of virtue and principle."

"This United States of America was founded on the principle of religious freedom, and I hope American Jews won't settle for anything less when it comes to

IMA sanctions continue

Operating rooms in the southern part of the country will be shut today except for emergencies, while in the north, diagnostic

institutes and outpatient clinics will be closed.

The Israel Medical Association which is staging the sanctions to protest the government's failure to pay for 360 more doctors as promised in an agreement, defines the oorth as whatever is north of Kfar Sava, and south as all points south of that town. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza accused the Treasury yesterday of trying to abrogate the National Health Insurance Law.

Kupat Holim guard dies of Injuries

A 51-year-old guard who was assaulted and had his pistol robbed at a Maccabi health fund branch in Jaffa, died Tuesday of his injuries, according to reports yesterday.

Assaf Bakar, who was employed by the Amishav Company, was about to leave the clinic when he was attacked by several people on November 6. He was struck in the head and taken to Ichilov Hospital, where his condition deteriorated. Police said they were investigating but still had no suspects.

Kahalani tries to mediate Ramie feud

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday met with leaders from the feuding Jarussi and Karaji clans in a bid to end a dispute that has claimed 23 lives in the last five years. The Karujis are considering leaving Ramle's Juarish neighborhood, where both clans live. Kahalani said another meeting was expected in the next two days.

"It is possible to find a solution, at least a temporary one, in order to bring about a cease-fire until the two clans are separated," Kahalani said.

International Children's Rights Day today

The Education Ministry must do whatever it can to encourage young people to have more of a say in making decisions affecting their lives and studies, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday to mark International Children's Rights Day, which is being marked today by the United Nations. Hammer also called for greater awareness of children's rights and to especially report incidents of child abuse or neglect. There are 53 organizations in Israel involved in children's and human rights in this country.

The main event commemorating International Childreo's Rights Day will take place today at the Arab-Jewish community center in Jaffa at 10 a.m., where lectures will be delivered on buman rights in Israel, and there will be performances by youth Aryeh Dean Cohen

Peres gets honorary doctorate from Clark U.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres yesterday received an hooorary doctorate from Clark University in a ceremony in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Peres was honored by the university, located in Massachusetts, for his contributions to the peace process. University Dean Thomas Massey said at the ceremony that "the presentation of the honorary doctorate to Shimon Peres pays tribute to Peres's wide vision of peace, which crosses cultures and countries - a vision shared by the university's program in Israel."

Clark University has had a program here for four years, with studies held in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Construction worker killed by falling bar

A 20-year-old construction worker was killed yesterday at a building site in the capital's Pisgat Ze'ev suburb. An iron bar fell off scaffolding and impaled his skull. The bar, 14mm in diameter, fell from the third floor of the building, from a height of some 10 meters, before striking him.

Board meeting

President Ezer Weizman (left) gives some playing tips to visiting world chess champion Garry Kasparov yesterday at Beit Hanassi. Kasparov is here to attend today's board of trustees meeting of the International Chess Academy in Tel Aviv. (Isaac Harari)

Conference to focus on reducing road accidents

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

The automobiles won't allow drivers to get too close to the car in front of them; the roads force drivers to slow down; and video equipment systematically records the license plates of those committing traffic infractions. These are some of the ideas that are being experimented with around the world in the fight against traffic accidents, and which will be on display at a Tel Aviv conference on the subject beginning oext

More than 100 experts from 22 countries will bring their ideas to International Fourth Conference on Safety and the Environment in the 21st century which takes place at the Dan Panorama from next Monday to Wednesday. "We Jews sometimes think that

we know everything, but on this subject, we can learn a lot from the rest of the world," said Buma Barchad, secretary-general of the Israel National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, which is sponsoring the conference. "If we keep our minds open, accept the fact that we have to study and change, and not insist on doing things the way that we always have, we can accomplish a great

Shalom Hakkert, an associate They can attach themselves to professor of civil engineering at any part of the human body, but the Technion and one of the con-

Small signs of improvement Percentage Jan.- Oct. change Accidents 20.701 with -3.6 21,465 muries Number of 38,019 -3.2 people 39,282 Injured Source: The Israel National Council for the Prevention of Accidents

ference's organizers, said that the event will open by examining the experiences of countries which bave significantly reduced the number of road fatalities over 5-10

The safety levels of privately operated toll roads also is to be discussed at the conference. The controversial Trans-Israel Highway is set to be turned over to a private

The design and operation of a highway, Hakkert said, can be a key element in the oumber of road fatalities. In Israel "one-third of fatalities on intercity highways are one-car accidents, where the driver, for whatever reason, strayed off of the road. This doesn't have to happen. If a highway is

designed right, such a circumstance does not have to end in

Barchad praised the increased awareness of the need for better driving in Israel. The National Council's mission is to "make sure the war against accideots is operated in a systematic and organized manner, coordinating all of the activities relating to the area," he

The biggest challenge, he said, is addressing the large percentage of accidents that take place within the municipal limits of various cities. "If we can get through to a

mayor, and the mayor decides to take the subject seriously, a great deal can be accomplished," he

Teachers step up sanctions

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Secondary School Teachers Association yesterday stepped up sanctions in its ongoing battle over payment for accompanying school trips.

Meanwhile, association chairman Ran Erez has accused the Education Ministry of encouraging recent strikes by pupils throughout the country.

As of yesterday morning, teachers are oot permit-ting Education Ministry employees other than teachers and principals to enter the schools. Principals and teachers are to explain to these employees that they are not welcome in the school, and if they insist on eotering classes will be immediately sbut down, a spokeswoman for the associa-

Pupils themselves will be the most seriously affected by the teachers' decision to also put a halt to any social or cultural activities in schools. "They will only have regular classes," the spokeswoman said, noting that this step is being taken to prevent recent

occurrences where army personnel bave come to the school for pre-army gatherings with pupils, since the teachers refuse to accompany pupils to these ses-

Teachers and principals will also stop passing ongoing reports - except attendance rolls for pupils and teachers - to the Education Ministry.

At a press conference in Tel Aviv to announce the new sanctions yesterday. Erez charged that the recent spate of strikes by pupils was encouraged by the Education Ministry and that ministry supervisors had a hand in directing such activities.

Erez also said that Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's presence "isn't felt in the system," and he is either incapable of doing anything about the situation or "doesn't care about it."

There is oo leader at the helm, Erez said, and association members said the Finance Ministry and oot the Education Ministry is running the school system. Hammer rejected the teachers' charges, saying they had rejected all attempts at compromise.

ETV employees pleased by chief's resignation

By HELEN KAYE and ARYEH DEAN COHEN

or ca Te All and Tel. 03-639 000 Educational Television employees are relieved at director-geogral Ahuva Feinmesser's resignation, a source at the trouble-plagued station said yesterday.

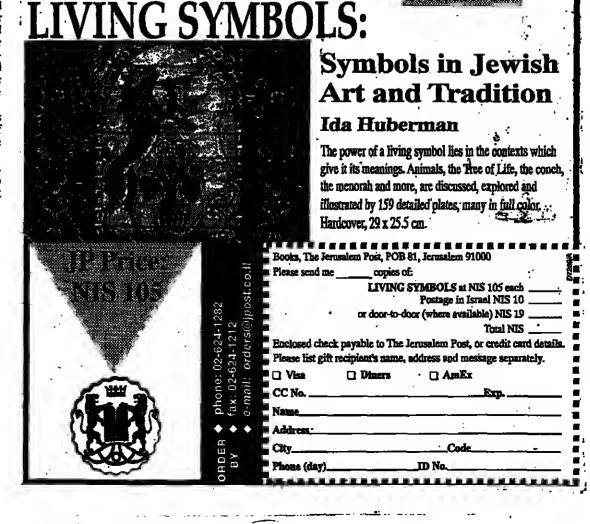
Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's new appointee for the post is Motti Sklar, currently the principal of the Ma'aleh College of Communications, a religious institution. Hammer intends to present Sklar's nomination to the cabinet on Sunday for confirmation.

"One of the main complaints [against Feinmesser, who was appointed by former education minister Amnon Ruhinstein] has always been that she has oo media background," the source said. "While she has been under pressure to save money, her cuts have had the wrong priorities, with a lot of money being spent on programs that get good ratings. People here think she was too ratings con-

ETV is not doing the programming it should be, such as the sole Arabic language children's program that "Feinmesser cut at the first opportunity, or a scheduled series on Judaism with emphasis on the holidays that she canceled," the source said. Sklar yesterday said that as a nominee he

could not and would not say what his policies might be at ETV,

Regarding his possible attitude toward controversial programming on ETV, such as the program on homosexual youth that Hammer tried to block, Sklar said "there are oo a priori criteria. I am for broadcasting everything provided it does oot violate humanist prioci-





Moscow goes glitzy

Muscovites yesterday admire the glass dome with a statue of St. George, the city's symbol, above a new underground shopping complex outside the Kremlin on Manezh Square. (AP)

Zeroing in on the ruble

Having beaten hyper-inflation Moscow prepares to re-model the currency which is also an emblem of Russian history

By KATHY LALLY

MOSCOW - Anna Ivanovoa Rutskaya, guardian of Russia's monetary past, heaves a delicate shoulder against the steel donr that keeps thieves and other meddlesome visitors out of her museum. Several shoves later, the door creaks open, and Rutskaya admits the rare outsider to the monetary museum, hiddeo off a quiet corridor on the second floor of Russia's turn-of-the century Ceotral Bank huilding in old Moscow.

"It's all here," she says. "On paper mooey you can see all the fluctuations of our economy and society, all the surges and falls. Our Russian history is very rich." That history is about to take another twist. On January 1, the government plans to come to terms - if only emotionally with the inflation that has impoverished the Russian people since the Soviet Union dissolved on December 31, 1991.

The Ceotral Bank will lop three zeros off the ruble and issue oew notes reflecting the redenomioation, Overnight, 50.000 rubles will turn into 50. Teo thousand rubles will become 10.

"Maybe once again we can huy something for 15 kopecks," says Rutskaya, recalling the price of a subway ride in 1991. That ride costs 2,500 rubles gan "Workers of the world today. With redenomination, the unite" printed in Russian, price will he 2 ruhles 50

The old and oew rubles are to simultaoeously

Chioese, English, Japanese, kopecks in January. Freoch and Italian. Lenio appeared on money in

1938 and stayed there until throughout 1998, in an attempt 1992, through war, peace, Cold

Today, the exchange rate is 5,800 rubles to the dollar. Ordinary calculations run into the millions: the average monthly salary, for example is 1,230,000 rubles — \$212.

to forestall any panic over the change. At the end of 1998, the old ruhles will be withdrawn. Over at the museum, the

money of two centuries lies in glass cases, sileotly testifying to the convulsions of war, famine and revolution that have accompanied earlier monetary reforms. Over the years, the money has

sometimes heen grandiose, sometimes self-effacing. In the early 1920s, some hills were about the size of postage stamps. The first paper money was issued in 1763, in the reign of

Catherine the Great. The faces of czars turned up in 1860.

In 1919, the hammer and sickle appeared on the new rubles. along with the revolutionary slo-

War, redenominations and the collapse of the Soviet Union. From time to time, other images were introduced but Lenin could always be found on some of the money. The death of the Soviet Unioo toppled him. In 1993, the Russian government replaced

him with images of Russia.

Last March the 500,000 hill came out, depicting a 15th-century monastery on Solovetsky Island. The picture was from an era when the monastery was used as a Soviet prison camp. Deemed too expensive to change, the picture has not been

In the interest of continuity and ecooomy, the money being issued in January will look just like today's money, hut with fewer zeros. Rachilin says the country's leadership didn't have the courage to shear the ruble of four zeros instead of three. "If they dropped off four, the exchange rate would be the same as before perestroika," he says. "If you drop off four, you would immediately see what kind of chaos we live in now.

"Before perestroika, a pension was 120 rubles a month. If you take four zeros off today, the pension would be 35 rubles. Everyone would immediately see the difference between 120 rubles then and 35 rubles now.
This calculation applies to
everything." Monetarily speaking, Rachilin says, the last years have not been very different from war years. Factories often dispense with the ruble altogether and pay their workers in whatever they produce - dishes, soap, tampons, bras.

Driving through a small town,

one quickly sees what the local factory makes. People stand along the roadside selling it, having received it for pay: table-cloths in one towo, plastic hockets in the next, pottery in yet

another. Rachilio's favorite money was issued during the civil war, after the Revolution, when beauty salons, churches, railways and cafes all issued their own

During the late Soviet years, the ruble was set at 25 to the dollar for tourist use and at 1.7. to the dollar for many official payments.

As controls were takeo off, the ruble steadily lost value: to 125 to the dollar hy July 1992; 493 in January 1993; 1,560 in 1994. Today, the exchange rate is 5,800 rubles to the dollar. Ordinary calculations run into the millions: the average monthly salary, for example is 1,230,000 ruhles — \$212.

Many Russians are nervous about the coming change. They remember 1961, wheo currency reform accompanied a drop in purchasing power. "Previous monetary reforms have inured our people to the idea that the state intends to hetter its own position at their expense," says Sergei Dubinin, chairman of the Central Bank. "It is quite oatural that such a measure arouses

many questions." Duhinin promises that bank accounts and purchasing power will be untonched, though be concedes that other dangers accompany reform. "The real threat to our people's purses comes not from the state but from swindlers," he says, predicting that con artists will persuade some people that the new money is better than the old and will offer to relieve them of the

old ones at less than face value. Dubinin had harely spoken before reports were coming in from the rural Orlovskaya region of central Russia that some fast talkers bad told elder-ly people that the monetary reform meant, reintroduction of the Soviet ruble.

Blinded by nostalgia, several elderly villagers traded eggs and chickens for the old, worthless rubles.

(Baltimore Sun)

The cinematic Fort Knox

By RICHARD TAPSCOTT

Think of it as a variation on beating swords into plowshares. instead of harboring federal officials after a nuclear holocaust, a 140,000-square-foot bunker carved into a mountainside oear Culpeper, Virginia, is destined to shelter and preserve films for the Library of Congress and the

movie-loving world. Before it recessed last week, Congress cleared the way for ownership of the once-top-secret installation about 70 miles southwest of Washington to pass from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond to the Library of Congress. It then will become a central repository for the library's 150,000 film files, including an almost complete run of productions from Thomas A. Edison from 1897 to 1905.

The installation, which consists of three levels inside bollowedont Mount Pony, began its life in the 1960s as a high-security refuge for about 125 officials from Washiogton and the Richmond bank, who were to assemble there in case of a ouclear attack to help rebuild the country's economy and banking system. The radiation-proof facility had planned menus for the first 30 days of occupation. For a time, its vaults also were

used to stockpile gold and US cur-rency to be used in case the old Bureau of Engraving and Printing was damaged by fire or other dis-

More recently, said Gweo Byer, an assistant vice-president at the Richmond federal reserve, the complex, which has a 10,000square-foot computer room and is called the Communication and Records Center, was a backup data processing site for 10 federal reserve districts. Now it has only a minimal staff.

mostly involved in maintenance.

A real estate brocbure ootes that the property was designed to be "self-sustaining," with its own wells. "The property offers such unique features as a heliport landing pad, an indoor pistol range, an incioerator, maioteoance shops and a cafeteria," the brochure

Under terms of legislation approved last week, the \$5.5 million needed to huy the 41-acre installation will come from a donation by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, which also will contribute \$4.5m. to equip, maintain and npgrade the facilities to bouse the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division of the Library of

Congress.
"The Culpeper facility is perfect," said Rep. Thomas J. Bliley
Jr., R-Va., whose district includes

the Mount Pony area.
Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., said the former uses of the complex represented "prudeot planning, given the uncertainty of our strategic situation at the time." But since the end of the Cold War and collapse of the Soviet Union, the ouclear threat has all but disappeared and left the unusual structure something of a white

"Just by coincidence, the structure meets the needs of the Library of Congress," Warner

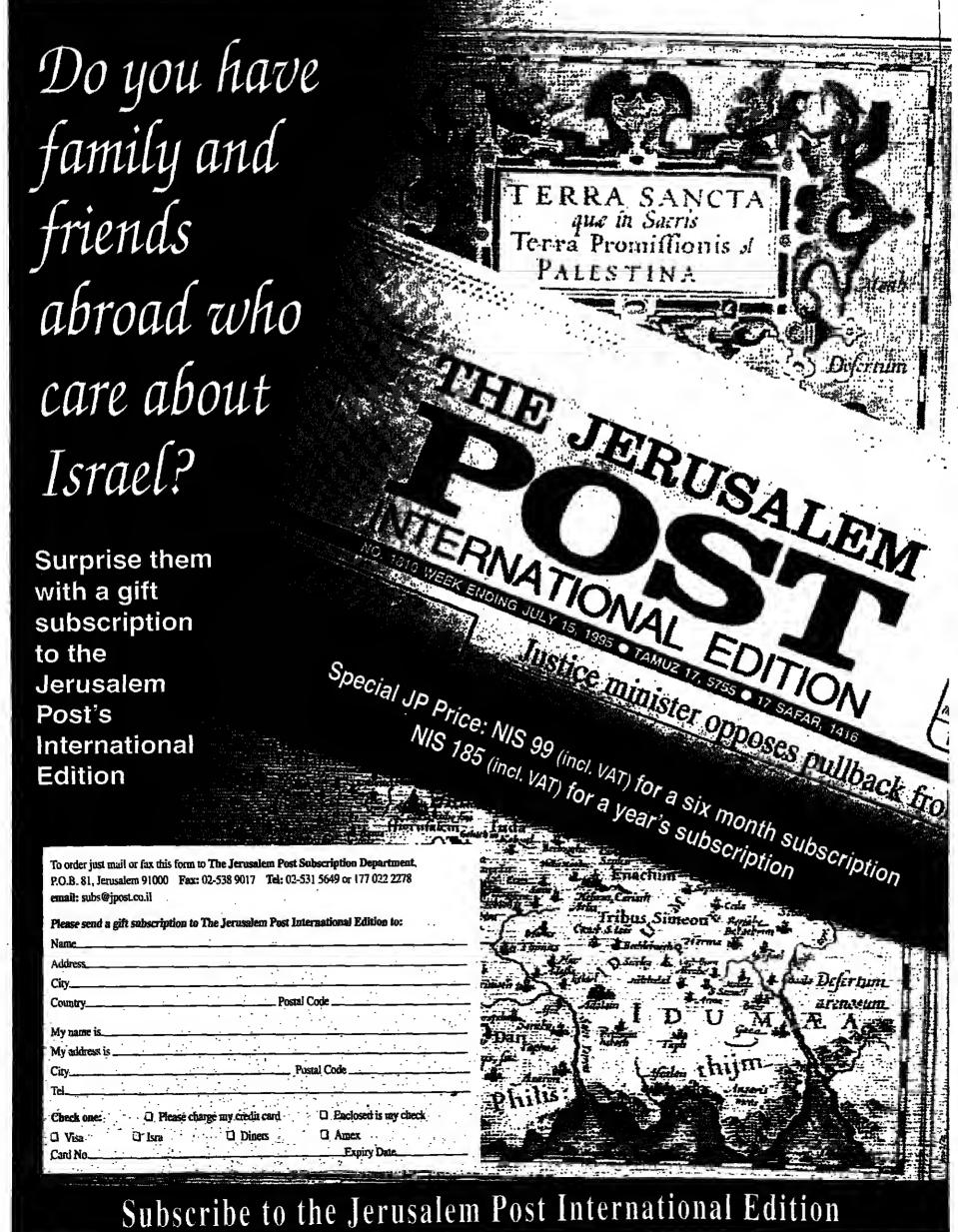
Congress has mandated that the library preserve the massive film collection, which has been stored in various temperature- and humidity-controlled areas in Washington, suburban Maryland and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

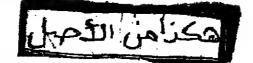
The collection includes 500,000 cans of "safety" film and 110,000 cans of older, more brittle stocks, aloog with nearly 25,000 fittes from television and 2.5 million

from television and 2.5 million sound recordings. Among major collections are German, Japanese and Italian films seized or purchased during World War II, and thousands of films from major commercial studios dating back to

By consolidating the collection in one place, archivists say they can prevent shipping damage and

better preserve what is on hand.
Eventually, the library expects to have about 75 employees at the site and hopes to be able to make the films available to the poblic at the main Library of Congress building in Washington through fiber-optic cables from Culpeper.





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Tourists relive Luxor

Egyptian president says Luxor security was 'a joke'

would be reassured that the city

"Everything in Luxor depends on turnism," he said. "Without it

Cafe worker Abdul-Rahman

Taha agreed: "If tourists don't feel

confident that we can protect

The attack's immediate impact

was evident Tuesday night, when

only a few foreigners were out in

Luxor. Normally, sightseers crowd

Kings and Karnak Temple, they

stroll the town in the cool

evenings, stopping for drinks and

The outlawed al-Gamaa al-

Islamiya, or Islamic Group,

claimed responsibility for the

attack late Tuesday in a fax to a

Western news ageocy, saying it

had been seeking the release of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who

is jailed io the US for his role in a

failed plot to bluw up the United

Nations building and other New

Since 1992, Al-Gamaa and other

radical groups have been waging

an insurgeocy 10 overthrow

Egypt's secular government and

The message sought to shift

blame for the high casualties -

which totaled 62, including two

Egyptian policemen and two civil-

ians - nn to the police force. It said

the gunmen's "brave" attempt to

merely kidnap foreigners went

awry because police opened fire

too quickly, forcing militants to

return fire. It accused police of

The government forces dealt

showing negligence toward the

lightly with the lives of the tourists

and the citizens, leading to the

falling of this great number of

gummen npened fire as soon as

Witnesses, however, said the six

safety of tourists.

dead," it said.

impose strict Islamic rule.

After touring the Valley of the

there is no money for anyone."

them, they won't come."

the pavements.

York landmarks.

souvenirs.

By TAREK EL-TABLAWY

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) -Surrounded by beefed-up police

patrols, merchants and workers

wondered if increased security

yesterday after the massacre of 58

foreigners would save the tourist

The massacre by Islamic mili-

tants - the deadliest attack in their

five-year rebellion to ous1 the sec-

ular government - is a clear threat

to the tourism essential in Egypt's

Luxor, with its hundreds of tem-

ples and tombs, is one of the most

Egyptian President Hosni

immediately after

Mubarak, whn deployed mure

Mooday's slaughter, was now replacing top security officials in this southern city, police sources said yesterday, speaking on condi-

In Cairo, the sources said, top ministers were being demoted or

shifted to other jobs, a move that

follows Mubarak's replacement

Tuesday of the interior minister,

who supervises the nation's police

was loose before?"asked Luxor

shopkeeper Raafat Mohammed.

"Didn't anyone know security

The idea of security up till now

has been to set up a few guard

posts un the west bank and put two

tired policemen by the site," he

said yesterday, referring to the

Temple of Hatshepsut, on the west

bank of the Nile, where the mas-

"This isn't security," he com-

plained. "It's stupidity. And it

Mubarak bimself visited the

temple on Tuesday pronounced

Mamdouh Hussein, a salesman

at a spice shop, said he hoped the

security improvements weren't

just temporary and that tourists

chuld cost all our livelihoods."

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Tourists

relive

Luxor

massacre

LONDON (Reuters) - British tourists described how they cowered

Stuart Bentley, 23, arrived at the

"He rolled over and clasped his

criminately at anything that moved.

It was a lottery where some were

spared and some shot. It was just

like something out of a war zone. I

felt physically sick, the bodies were

David and Sheila Middleton hid in

a gully with their heads in the dust

while their friends George and Ivy

Wigham were shot dead meters away.
"It was a scene from hell which I

will never forget as long as I live,"

The Wighams were among six Britons killed in the massacre. A

five-year-old girl, her mother and

grandmother were also gunned

down, along with 26-year-old air

One of the Britons returning from

Egypt told how he had found

Wilder's grief-stricken boyfriend sit-

ting alone at Luxor airport, "When

the shooting started they ran for

cover and she just didn't make it. He

told me she was shot through the

face and killed in an instant. He

managed to get into a cave and was

cowering while billets were rico-

cheting around him," said witness Alastair Glanville,

said David Middleton

stewardess Sylvia Wilder

resting on top of one another."

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behind pillars at Egypt's Hatshepsut temple and looked on helplessly as Francisco de la come deserviciones holidaymakers were gunned down Figure 1 de la monte de la monte de la constante de la constan or had their throats cut by Islamic Salvania de la companya de la compan temple an hour before the start of the eregion and their constitution massacre. He hid behind a pillar on the upper floor of the temple as a the rules was fall formal and the same and t gunman dressed in black shot a European tourist in the legs as be tried to flee. to the Coular to many hands together as if he was begging An or the party for his life but the man with the gun just cut his throat and began firing again," Bentley told reporters. "They were screaming and shooting indis-

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Far-right gains in Denmark elections

COPENHAGEN, Denmark the country, which must bold (AP) - A new far-right party made national elections by September. The Danish People's Party was formed in 1995 when it split from the rightist Progress Party. The new party apparently lured away many supporters of the Progress Party, which won only 1.8% of the

votes Tuesday - down from 5.1% four years ago. The prime minister refused to say when he would call a general election, but the election result was likely to make him delay it as long as possible, several major dailies said. Leading up to the elections, opinion pulls had predicted a strong showing for the far-right because of growing anti-immigrant seotimeot, eveo though

immigrants make up less than 5% of Denmark's 5.2 million people. The Liberal-Conservative opposition fell slightly in popularity. The Liberal Party won 25% of the votes, down 2.2 percentage points from 1993. The Conservatives were down 0.7 percentage points with 12.1% of the votes, according

to Interior Ministry figures. Turnont was 73.7%, up slightly from the 1993 elections.

bomb was set off by remote control.

Reddy said the injured included movie actor Mohambabu, who is

also a member of the upper house of

Police said nobody had claimed

responsibility for the bomb, and

there was no immediate reaction

from political groups in the Indian

The dead included a five-member

crew of television station E-TV.

whose car bore the brunt of the blast

as it led the convoy. Four vehicles in

Naidu, who was in New Delhi, told

State Chief Minister Chandrababu

the convoy were hit by the blast.

injuries were not life-threatening.

India bomb kills 23

being carried out, but it was to early to draw any conclusions. Andhra Pradesh state, of which Hyderabad is the capital, has been

India's parliament, and legislator rocked by a violent campaign by Paritala Ravi. Officials said their outlawed Maoist insurgents. Seven policemen died and six were wounded on Monday in a landmine explosion about 220 kilometers north of Hyderabad in the fourth such attack in the past two

> The Maoist People's War Group (PWG), which was banned in Andhra Pradesh in 1992, gained a reprieve in June 1995 when local authorities granted a temporary

> amnesty to its members. But it was banned again in July

said nine others escaped. Last year, al-Gamaa took responsibility for killing 16 Greek tourists at a hotel near the pyramids on the edge of Cairo. The group also claimed an assassination attempt on Mubarak while he

temple pillars.

1995; he was unharmed. The government has arrested and jailed thousands of suspected Islamic radicals, put hundreds on trial and executed 63 people in the past five years. But al-Gamaa and similar radical groups are difficult to fight because of their small, loosely connected cells.

According to police, the tourist ·slain Monday were 31 Swiss, eight Japanese, five Germans, four Britons - including a child - a Bulgarian, a Culumbian and a

French citizen. Earlier police reports said seven of the dead were still unidentified. But Cairo airport officials, speaking on customary anonymity, said 34 Swiss bodies were flown out of the country yesterday, indicating that at least three of the unidentified dead may have been Swiss.

Twenty-four people were wounded in Monday's attack. Tourists have warily returned to marvel at the sandstone terraces of the temple, now bloodstained and bullet scarred. But hundreds of foreign travelers have fled the country, and mur agents worldwide canceled thousands of book-

ings - spelling trouble for Egypt's

important tourism industry.



Queen Beatrix of Holland speaks with the Director of The Giza Plateau Zahi Hawas, un the last day of her trip to Cairo, yesterday.

Following Russian book-fee scandal

Chubais set to resign as finance minister

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY MOSCOW (AP) - First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly istration refused. Critics have were given. intry's top econamic official, will give up one of his posts as part of efforts to end a political scandal nver book fees, senior lawmakers said 'yes-

terday.
The Communists and other The Communists and other which the upposition, which hard-line upposition groups have dominates the Doma, ur lower been demanding Chubais' dis-

a strong showing in its first-ever

elections, capitalizing on growing

anti-immigrant sentiment in tradi-

The new Danish People's Party,

which opposes the government's

liberal immigration policy, won 6.8 percent of the votes in

Tuesday's local elections, com-

Prime Minister Poul Nyrup

Rasmusseo's Social Democrats'

party fell slightly in popularity to 33.1%, down from 34.3% in the

1993 local elections. It was the

Social Democrats' worst showing

The advance of the Danish

People's Party was "a last warn-

ing" to the Social Democratic-led

government before parliamentary

elections, the Ekstra Bladet daily

If the government fails to tighten

its immigration policy "then it will get it in the neck," the paper

The local elections in 275

municipalities were seen as an

indicator of the political mood in

HYDERABAD, India (Reuters) -

At least 23 people died in a car bomb

blast near a movie studio in the

southern Indian city of Hyderabad

About 35 people were also wounded when the bomb, which had

been planted in a parked jeep,

exploded at midday as a convoy of

cars arrived for the first shot of a new

"Twenty-three people have died so

far", said H.J. Dora, director gener-

al of police in Hyderabad. "We have

to find out how it was triggered. But

the impact of the blast was very

high. Many buildings have been

affected."
Andhra Pradesh's Home (fisterior)

Minister A. Madhava Reddy said the reporters that investigations were

yesterday, police said.

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tionally tolerant Denmark.

that a \$90,000 advance Chubais accepted from a bank to help write a bonk was a bribe.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernotryrdin struck a deal with parliamentary leaders under chamber of parliament, would no

passing the 1998 budget, but for passing the budget, lawmak- Chubais is likely to give President Boris Yeltsin's adminers said. No details of the deal finance post this week.

the liberal Yablaka faction in the Duma, said Chernomyrdin told him that Chubais would give up the finance minister's post, but remain as first deputy prime minister. The loss of the finance post would be a largely symbolic coocession to the opposition. Alexander Shokhin, who heads

made his removal a condition for from the government a condition the pro-government faction, said Chubais is likely to give up the It was not clear wbether the

decision" on Chubais.

tion, or if they would insist on Chubais' eventual dismissal from all posts, Duma speaker each accepted \$90,000 Seleznyov, a Gennady Communist, said the Duma was unlikely to accept such a "partial

The Duma is scheduled to debate the budget Friday. On

FBI: Russian crime 'manageable'

By CHRISTINA LING

MOSCOW (Reuters) - FBI director Louis Freeh yesterday praised US-Russian cooperation in fighting crime and denied that Russian criminal groups posed a threat to

American national security. "Crimes by Russians or Russian groups do not threaten the domestic or national security of the United States, and compared to other crimes are on a very low level," Freeh told a news conference.

Last month Freeh told the US Congress that such crimes posed a "really immense" problem, threatening reform in Russia and "imminent dangers" to the United States. But Freeh said his remarks had been blown out of proportion. He praised Russia's effectiveness in solving domestie murders and contracı killings as well as cooperacon on a oumber of high-profile cases in

the United States. He pointed to the example of Russian organized crime leader Vyacheslav Ivankov, semenced in the United States in January to 115 months in prison for extortion and

"Ivankov, for instance, poses a drug-trafficking eases had been serious threat to the United States as solved in the first 10 months of well as to Russia because he is a 1997 than last year. very powerful, very dangerous organized erime leader, but that doesn't mean that those are prob-lems that we can't control," Freeh

Freeh and Russian Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov hailed increasingly concrete and constructive cooperation in dealing with financial and computer-related crime, drug trafficking and kidnapping.
"Between our two agencies there

are absolutely no differences," said Kulikov, who had previously suggested that US warnings about the power of Russian criminal groups were calculated to scare off foreign Russia's crime rate has rocketed since the collapse of centralized

communist control and the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. We work very collaboratively and very effectively in all major areas and the drug area is one which obviously has a very high priority for both of us," Freeh said.

Wednesday, it might adupt a non-binding appeal to Yeltsin to accept Chubais' resignation.

"That would be a pure recom-

spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

advances for a yet unwritten

hook on privatization in Russia.

Seeking to suppress the furor,

Yeltsin dismissed three other

officials who were to co-author

Chubais and several associates

Freeh said that past serious inci-dents of stolen radioactive materials in the former Soviet bloc gave grounds for vigilance, but so far there was no concrete cause for

"We...have oot seen any documented connections between, for instance, organized crime groups and the trafficking of radioactive

materials," he said. Western governments worry that material stolen in the former Soviet bloc eould put atomic weapons within the reach of non-nuclear states. Security at Russia's cashstrapped research institutes and military bases has eaused concern.

Russia said last week it had detained an Iranian spy who tried to buy missile technology designs, earning kudos from the Uoited States, which accuses Iran of back-

The United States and Israel have expressed concern that Russian groups were helping Tehran to acquire missiles or missile technulogy, something Moscow denies. Kulikov said that 80 percent more

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Heading south

By PATRICK J. SLOYAN

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is closing the iciest chapter of the Cold War by phasing out US Navy attack-submarine patrols under the Arctic ice cap where they hunted Soviet missilelaunching submarines for almost 30 years, according to Navy offi-

The move was disclosed by the commander of the US Atlantic Fleet suhmarine force, Vice Adm. Richard Mies, during a wide-ranging receot interview on the changing role of the US submarine fleet.

Mies portrayed the decision as one in a series of difficult choices faciog an American submarine fleet downsized by smaller budgets. "One of the things we're oot going to do anywhere near as much as we have done in the past are Arctic operations," Mies said.
"We historically spent a significant level of effort up in the Arctic reduced their submarine polar cap deployment to one boomer and sometimes two.

More than 100 Russian subs are rusting at the pier due to lack of funds for crews and maintenance. "There has been a dramatically

smaller number of Russian missile suhmarines being deployed," said Air Force Gen. Engene Habiger, commander-in-chief of the US Strategic Command. Habiger is in charge of sharply reduced land and sea-hased ouclear-tipped rockets and closely monitors Russian weapon systems.

Mies would not discuss in detail the cat-and-mouse game between American attack submarines equipped with torpedoes and Russian suhs that could launch intercontinental rockets tipped with a number of hydrogen warheads. The game has been the most secretive aspect of the most

Acknowledging that the Cold War has indeed ended. Washington phases out Arctic attack submarine natrols

because of concerns about the Russian submarine threat and that [the Arctic] might be a bastion for Russian missile suhmarines." The patrols produced teosions between the US and Russia, and once prompted Russian President Boris Yeltsin personally to ask Presideot Clinton to reduce US surveillance after a US 688-class attack suhmarine, the Baton Rouge, collided with a Russian Sierra-class attack submarine in the Barents Sea in

"This is a belated but welcome move by the Navy," said Josh Handler, who, on behalf of Greenpeace, an international environmental organization, has urged a halt in US antisubmarine operations against the Russians. Handler, currectly seeking his doctorate at Princeton University, was instrumental in making public US and Russian naval records that revealed a series of undersea collisions over the years.

Since 1966, Soviet subs with nuclear-tipped rockets have used the polar icc cap as a likely launch site for attacking American cities. In response, the US deployed groups of bunter-killer submarines.

to trail the Russian missile-carry-ing submarines, called "boomers." Some strategic planners often predicted the first five minotes of World War III would be waged

Now, US intelligence experts for international science. estimate, the Russians have

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during the Cold War. Current and former submariners, ioterviewed oo condition of recalled dicey moments in the Arctic confronta-

classified area of oaval operations

Uoder-ice collisions oarrowly were avoided as Soviet attack submarines sought to block the American hunters from following the Russian boomers.

Uodersea ice formatioos some reaching the Arctic ocean floor --- made patrols tricky and sometimes dangerous for even the most experienced submarine captain. Particularly difficult was underwater navigation oorth of the Bering Strait that separates the US from Siberia. "You could get trapped in a forest of ice pillars," said a veteran of the voyage. "Sometimes you had to back the submarine out and start all over again." More than two dozen US 688 Los Angeles-class submarines were built with superstructures the sail or conning tower - containing streogtheoed steel designed to surface through the ice

.Today, though, the effort is cooperative and scientific. Mies

Under agreements between the US and Russia, information obtained by both submarine fleets

My castle is my home

Half a decade after it was ravaged by a fire, Windsor Castle makes a royal comeback.

By WILLIAM D. MONTALBANO

WINDSOR, England - There is good news for Queen Elizabeth II and Joe Tourist alike: Five years after fire ravaged Windsor Castle, the landmark of British royal history has risen from the ashes, fully restored and welcoming again to resident royals and awestruck vis-

"The queen thinks it is marvelous and says she was absolute-ly delighted," said project head Michael Peat at a media viewing Monday of one of the century's most challenging, complex works of restoration.

Elizabeth, who will celehrate her golden wedding anniversary at the castle Thursday, mingled for more than two hours over the weekend at a reception for 1,500 contractors, artisans and firefighters. "This is the best wedding present Prince Philip and I could have had," the queen told her guests, according to the R Household's Dickie Arbiter. to the Royal

Beginning December 27, tourists will get their chance to see restored areas of Europe's largest occupied castle, a 13-acre weekend refuge of battlemeots, turrets and spectacular royal art collections oot far from Loodoo's Heathrow Airport.

Medieval vaulted St. George's Hall, the royals' private chapel, the crimson drawing room and the state dining room - where the fire did the most damage - are

among the principal hand-hewn testaments to the skill of craftsmeo. Their work was completed six months ahead of schedule, under hudget and against all odds. "If we had known at the start that it would become so daunting, we might have given up," said Simon Jones, a project manager. Total cost: about \$60 million, of which 70 percent comes from entrance fees from Windsor and from Buckingham Palace in

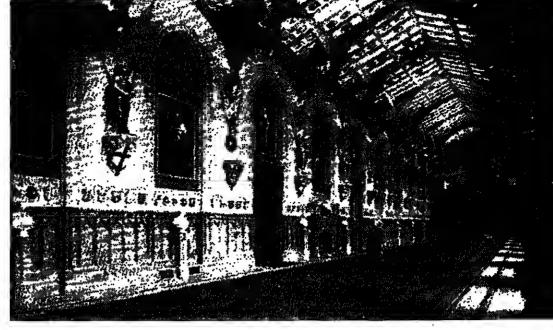
London. The rest is public money.

Apparently ignited when a spotlight was left too close to a curtain during repair work, fire broke out before oooo on November 20, 1992, the queen's 45th wedding anniversary. It quickly over-whelmed the castle's own fire department.

Castle workers, aided by firefighters and troops from a nearby army barracks, got all but a handful of the art treasures out safely as fire consumed the roof. But it would take 250 firefighters from as far away as London more than 15 hours to control the hlaze. It destroyed 115 rooms in all, including nine great state halls.

Rescue workers filled 7.000 trash bins with dehris that would eventually be winnowed into 2,000 breadbaskets of salvaged pieces.

"I felt that there was going to be a hell of a business trying to put it together again," said Prince Philip in a television documentary about reconstruction of the Windsor family palace; the program was pro-



An apartment warden admires the newly renovated St. George's Hall at Windsor Castle.

duced by his son, Prince Edward, and is airing here this week.

Before the castle was hack

together, planners fought a prolonged war against the 1.5 million gallons of water pumped into the old site: that was the equivalent of two seconds of Niagara's flow, they told reporters Monday.

We fought the water in the walls for two years, meaning we had to work from the top down. It

has been completely dry for less than four mooths," said project manager Jones, standing oo a priceless Persian carpet he first saw as a sodden mess of wool covered with charcoal and debris in a roofless chamber.

At restoratioo's peak, more than 5,000 workers laboring for about 200 specialist contractors handfitted green-oak roof timbers, replastered the omate gilt ceilings

and rebuilt the leaden windows. There were 75 miles of scaffold-

"It is the higgest restoration this ceotury," said manager Chris Watson. "We drew the best people in the country ... because everybody wanted to do his bit at Windsor. It's the pinnacle of professional life, something for your grandchildren.

(Los Angeles Times)

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Shining Path terrorism returns to haunt Peru

SAN MIGUEL, Peru - Weeping loudly with fear and unable to cootrol his bladder, Gregorio Garcia kneels in the dark and begs for his life, as a teen-age guerrilla who has been ordered to kill him stands over him with a rifle,

Shaking desperately, the father of seven tugs his blindfold down, clasps his hands in prayer and stares at his executioner's silhouette.

"Get lost, scum," the young rebel suddenly hisses, and Garcia scurries out of sight, hides in a guinea pig-pen and cowers there brough the night, until long after the Shining Path column pulls out of the town in Peru's Andes. "No way am I going to stay in

this town. Today, tomorrow, wbo knows when they'll come and kill me," Garcia said a week after the pickup truck and his services as driver during a raid on the provincial capital.

His crime, which led to a death sentence, was to steer the vehicle into a pothole as the rebels were leaving town with stolen supplies. He has no idea why he escaped punishment.

His run-in with Shining Path occurred a few weeks ago when a score of rebels took the town in the highland department of Ayacucho and held it for more than an hour. Despite an army barracks just half an hour away by road, the rebels killed a policeman, ransacked shops, and brought terror back to the 1,500 inhabitants, who had thought such danger was in the past. The bold attack was one in a

series of operations nationwide that have shocked a country slow to accept the signs that one of the world's bloodiest rebel forces is gradually regaining ground in its former strongholds.

It was also compelling evidence that Shining Path, decimated after the 1992 capture of its leader Abimael Guzman, has reincorporated Ayacucho into a triangular power base after years of patient restructuring. The group now coordinates fighting units in Lima, the central highlands and jungle of Avacucho, and the drug-growing valley of Huallaga, according to analysts and security forces.

For many of the townspeople in rebels' lightning strike also had a terrifying but familiar sequel: the army's arrival.

Commander Luis Rojas Merino and his 50 young soldiers marched in a week later, summoned the inhabitants and berated them for their conduct during the attack. The crisp olive-green fatigues of the rigid, mustachioed commander and his charges decorated the drab main square as they presided over a flag-raising ceremony and a goose-stepping parade.

Rojas thomped the podium and barked out a speech accusing the crowd of "hiding under bods" dur-ing the attack. "There are going to be drastic sanctions," he warned.

LATIN AMERICA By SAUL HUSON

There are many people here that participated in this event, there are many collaborators. You are going to tell us who they are." An old woman crossed herself wheo he reminded them they were living under a "state of emergency," meaning the army has the right to

enter homes without warning. "Just as we are starting to calm down after the terrorists, we are terrorized by the police and the army," Ronald Palomino said after the speecb, a sentiment echoed by many others who declined to be quoted for fear of reprisals.

cloudless skies and green hills, the scene was a throwback to the violence-torn years of the late '80s and early '90s when Shining Path was at its peak and the army was constantly accused of abuses. In Peru's 17 years of guerrilla wars, the vast majority of the estimated 30,000 dead have been civilians, caught in the crossfire as first the guerrillas and then the army swept through their homes, each hunting for their enemy's supporters.

"History is repeating itself," said Jaime Antesana, an expert on Shining Path who works around Ayacucho in programs to help villagers return to homes they abandoned years ago because of the

rebels had carried out such a confident attack on San Miguel, as he has plotted their gradual rebuilding in the area since late 1995. . Thousands of Shining Path fight-

war. He was oot surprised the

ers once ruled over vast areas of central Peru, bombing and killing in Lima apparently at will and threatening to bring the state to its knees. But they were cut down to size by Guzman's capture in 1992. Deprived of the man who

launched their Maoist war on the state in 1980, the rebels lost their organizational force, were declared beaten by the government, and bickered among themselves over their imprisoced chief's calls for peace.

But in November 1995 a new hard-line leader, Oscar Ramirez and, emerged, slowly ughtening his grip on the group and reorganizing the rump of a few hundred armed members around the country, Antesana said. By 1996 the group had restructured sufficiently to be able to carry out a. simultaneous mid-year bombing and killing campaign in Lima and the Alta Huallaga, according to analysts and security forces.

This year, while Peru's smaller rebel group, the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), grabbed world headlines hy holding 72 VIPs at the Japanese amhassador's home, Shining Path steadily built on its Lima-Huallaga axis.

Secret anti-terrorist police docu-

ments say Shining Path bas made a general advance in the last few mooths with armed operations in Ayacucho and Huallaga and "con-vincing armed attacks" in the capital, Lima.

In Ayacucbo, where Guzman founded Shining Path and Ramirez now directs operations, the group has "reinitiated its military activity," according to the documents obtained by Renters. The rebels kill an average of one soldier every two weeks in the area, a source close to the military

Shining Path has also kept up its threat in its established bases of Lima and Huallaga with murders of officials, raids on communities and bombing of buildings.

Even with its gradual resurgence over the last two years, most ana lysts and diplomats say Shining Path can never return to its violent beyday. Military-backed selfdefeose groups, determined to avoid being forced off their land again, should limit further progress by the guerrillas, Antezama said.

But that does not mean the prob-

lem is going to go away.
"Shining Path is biding its time," UK-based Peru analyst John Crabtree said. "Its scope is oot at all as it used to be, but it has a certain resilience and imperviousness wheo operations are launched against it. It's unfinished husiness."

DRIVE SAFELY

Have a good weekend...

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Drugs as a parable

According to American law, countries which grow hashish on areas which extend beyond 5,000 hectares or opium in areas exceeding 1,000 hectares will be listed as "countries which encourage drug trafficking."
In an interview with Agenda,

one senior American government official explained that Syria's removal from the list was a oecessary legal move: "Had we oot done it, we would have been violating American law."

Indeed, as a result of intense pressure from Washington, Damascus decided – in the early 1990s - on a change of policy. Whereas previously preference had been giveo to the Syrlan-con-trolled area of the Bekaa in Lebanon for the extensive growth of soft drugs, such as marijuana and cannahis – which provided the peasants' main source of income - subsequently, the drug industry underwent a change in favor of hard drugs, such as cocaine and heroin, produced from raw materials imported from South America and the Far East.

The change began with burning the huge fields which had been used for growing soft drugs, accompanied by a widely televised ad campaign to convince the DEA of the seriousness of the

However, just as these fields began to burn, a green light was given to the Hizbullah to open distilleries for the production of hard drugs. Among the authorizers and profiteers was Rifat Assad (the Syrian president's brother), former chief of intelligence Ali Duba, chief of Syrian forces in

Lebanon Gen. Razi C'naan, and the soo of Lebanese president, The situation got so ont of hand

that there is a common joke in Lebanon which says that any selfrespecting family in Syrian-controlled territory sends one son to work for the government, another to join the Hizbullah, and a third to work in the drug trade.

According to information passed on to the CIA and FBI, the profits flowing into Syria and Lebanon from the drug trade amount to hillions of dollars.

In the import of raw materials from Lebanon, for example, it is possible to locate two central channels. Columbia, Peru and Brazil export cocaine hydro fluoride to Lebanon for the production of cocaine, while from the Far East - via Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Syria - morphine base is sent to the Bekaa for the production of

heroin. The production of drugs is carried out in dozens of small laboratories spread ont in the Bekaa, in the Ba'albek region - in Brytal and north in the area of the Ramal.

From Lebanon, drugs are sent mainly to the US and Europe via the sea and air ports of Beirut, Tripoli, and Sidon, or via Damascus, which serves as a transit point for raw materials imported into Lebanon and for the drugs marketed from there.

The information also includes the fact that, in addition to drug production, the Bekaa regioo serves as a center for the counterfeit of Western currency, the high level of which is due to American technology - technology given many years ago to the regime of the shah of Iran.

In the heart of the town of

printing press producing significant quantities of American dollars, German marks, and Swiss and Freoch francs. Substantial sums of counterfeit hills have already been transferred for experimental distribution. So oot of hand has this operation gotten that the US Secret Service in charge of corrency protectioo opened an office for continuous surveillance in Cyprus.

Drugs, money, terrorism

In Israel, particularly in the office of the prime minister's adviser on terrorism, a direct connection is made between drugs, counterfeit money and terrorism.

The assessment is that Iran is behind the consolidation of efforts to undermine Western power. The infrastructure of professional drug embezzlers is also used for terrorist operational

The US president's decision to remove Syria from the list of countries encouraging drug trafficking caught Israel completely off guard. His announcement oo the eve of the congressional recess made it an indisputable

Now the only recourse is to change the law so the criteria includes not only the areas for growing drugs but for production and distribution.

There is oo doubt that the hasic information regarding Syria's and Lebanon's part in the drug trade and in counterfeiting are known to the American administration, even without Dagan's help. The destruction of the marijua-

na and opium fields was carried out as far back as early 1992, while the satellite photographs to those of 1997. There is also no doubt that the timing of Clinton's decision was not coincidental.

Both Israel and its frieods in Congress will say - perhaps justifiahly - that the American administration has once again fallen into the trap of applying a double standard, which has characterized many of its relatioos with corrupt leaders and tyrants, merely as a way to further US interests in the

But this time it is clear the decision stems also from the frustratioo caused by the political impasse, which has harmed the core of American interests in the Middle East, particularly the pro-Western coalition which the US worked so hard to form at the beginning of the decade in order to preserve the flow of oil from

Parkinson's, Yes or No

The Americans do not like Arafat. He has still oot convinced them of his opposition to the "spontaneous demonstratioo" in support of Saddam Hussein on the Palestinian street.

Furthermore, his ambassador in Baghdad, who also serves as the minister of Public Works in the Palestinian Autonomy, continues to visit the Iraqi presidential palace and to have a tight relationship with the despot who so despised by the Americans.

Nevertheless, the US undoubtedly is praying that the news of the chairman's imminent demise does not prove to be true in the near future. There is nothing the Americans want now less than a continuation of the impasse.

To this day oobody has proof of Arafat's condition. The oews in Brytal, the Hizbullah has a large taken since 1993 are very similar based on partial information

regarding two medical examinations he underwent in Germany and in the US over the last year.

Both of these examinations led to leaks that he suffers from serious maladies. For evidence of this, one doesn't need confirmation from doctors. This is something plainly visible. Arafat goes everywhere with his doctors, Omar Daka and Isa Tarzi, in tow. They will not leak his medical records, which have been tailored to meet internal Palestinian public relations needs. The very fact of their constant presence does nothing to dispel Western fears that his

condition is bad. This week I decided to try and glean some information on this question from the hospital in Ramallah. Hospital director Shawki Harb, a first-class physician trained in the US, would not go into detail, but told me that Arafat never required hospitalization there. He said Arafat is able to walk long distances at a quick pace, as well as work long hours. This is in spite of signs of fatigue and palsy, apparently caused - he claims - from an airplane accident in the Lihyan desert, which

would have killed anybody else. This, too, is the impression created by Arafat's close advisers, who spend endless hours in his company. They said that during the morning hours his level of functioning is reasonable; it is only during the evening, after a whole day of stressful activity, that he shows signs of weakness and lack of focus.

And 1 am not relying on Dr. Ahmed Tibi who, unlike Harb, has accumulated many more hours in Palestinian politics than in his clinic in Jerusalem, which was always filled more with fax Israel of his critical condition is machines and telephones than it was with patients.

And yet, what disturbs the Americans is the fact that the PLO leadership is talking more and more about an heir. Any heir whether it be Ahu Mazen, Ahmed Qurie or Faisal Husseini - will be punctuated with a large question mark regarding his ability to reach a compromise with Israel.

A word about shame

Many years ago, the playwright Nissim Alooi explained some-thing to me about writing. He said that any self-respecting writer must remember that he too also goes to the grocery store.

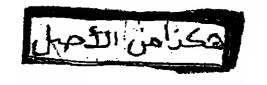
In other words, if he isn't going to face his readers, at least let him have a sense of shame before the supermarket check-out woman, the neighbors, and his mother and

This week, MK Benny Begin spoke of shame and politics. He expressed this sentiment much more hluntly than Nissim Aloni.

The Americans oo looger harbor expectations where shame and Netanyahu's integrity are concerned. But, more than anything, they hate instability. Thus, even if they no longer believe in the prime minister, they worriedly follow the reports of his decline.

More than anything they fear that new elections would result in Barak becoming a prime minister paralyzed by the Knesset's right wing. If Netanyahu finds a way of extricating himself from this crisis, the Americans will shed no tears. Ultimately they believe that part of the price for his survival will be a serious Israeli compromise which will further the peace

Who knows? Maybe it wouldn't be such a bad idea at this point to send Dagan to condoct political talks in Washington.







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Dete Hamill seems pretty relaxed, considering his latest newspaper debacle. He's wearing jeans and a shortsleeve shirt as he sits on the couch in his apartment in the famous (sometimes infamous) Chelsea Hotel in Manhattan. He's recently back from a spa in Mexico, where he kicked smoking. "I haveo't had a cigarette in a month oow, thank God." he says. There's nothing like the newspaper husiness to reinforce had habits." Hamill says he's kicked the newspaper habit, too.

"They've broken my heart for the last time," he says with a wry

Hamill, one of New York's legendary newspaper columnists, has twice ridden to the rescue of a New York tabloid in the 1990s - only to find himself quickly out of a job on both occasions.

In September, Hamill was pressured to resign as editor in chief of the New York Daily News after an eight-month stint. He and owner Mortimer B. Zuckerman had philosophical differences about how the paper should be run. Hamill's disdain for celebrity news and Zuckerman's desire for the News to be more like the rival New York Post were two reported sticking points.

Hamill also weathered a bizarre five-week stint in 1993 as editor of the Post while the tahloid fought for survival.

While Hamill is prohibited by his contract from saying much about his resignation from the Daily News, be is disappointed that he wasn't able to finish a job he'd harely started. And he believes his departure was a hlow to staff morale.

"I've had e pretty good career, and I have pleoty of work to do on my own, a lot of which was delayed by the Daily News," says the straight-talking Hamill, 62. "Since then, I've renegotiated a contract with Little, Brown to do two books instead of one, and for a lot more dough. I've made arrangements to do a variety of

Poet and publisher James Laughlin died in the US on November 12 while being

taken to hospital after suffering a

Best known as the founder of

New Directions, arguably the most

important American publishing

house of the century, Laughlin was

urged into business by Ezra Pound, whom the young Laughlin visited

in Rapallo in the early 1930s.

Sizing up the wealthy, six-foot-seven, Harvard sophomore's vari-

ous gifts, the older poet urged him

to forget about writing and do

something useful like "start a pub-

lishing company." He did, though

the going was slow at first, with

Pound commenting after the

announcement of one of the house's

new lists: "All that sewsge to float a

Pound's chosen few: especially himself and William Carlos

Williams, both of whose complete works were eventually poblished hy New Directions, and Kenneth

Laughlin stuck with it, however.

and soon enough New Directions

was in the black with a backlist that

comprised a staggering percentage

of modernism's greatest and most

Rexmth.

The ships, of course, were

stroke. He was 83.

Columnist finds happiness

Joyce McClurg interviews Pete Hamill

things that I know how to do - writing." Hamill's living-room desk is scattered with research for his current project, an art book on Diego Rivera. In January he'll begin a new covel, the follow-up to this summer's bestseller, Snow in August [reviewed in The Jerusalem Post on May 15].

Hamill's career as an author is thriving, even as his days as a newspaperman are on the wane. A Drinking Life, his 1994 memoir about growing up in a hard-drinkmg Brooklyn neighborhood, was also a bestseller. In 1996 he published Piecework, a collection of his journalism.

Snow in August is a touching, idealistic oovel about the friendship between an 11-year-old Brooklyn boy and a rahbi from Prague in 1947 Brooklyn, grew out of Hamill's own boybood experiences as a Shabbos goy.

Like Michael Devlin, the young hero of Snow in August, Hamill was an 11-year-old Irish Catholic kid walking through a snowstorm when he heard a rabhi call out: "Please to help," Hamill then began turning on the lights every

James

Laughlin, 1914-1997

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Dispersing the faux-halo of New

York bype with sheer quality, New

extent still is, a kind of unholy sanc-

mary in the literary marketplace.

One takes a New Directions book

from the shelf assuming that the

mind will be engaged, the spirit

Eugenio Montale,

Tennessee Williams.

Saturday in the rabhi's synagogue.
"Wheo I used to do the Shahbos goy thing, I had guys saying, 'What are you doing with those Yids up there?'" Hamill recalls. "I wasn't completely ostracized like the poor boy is in the novel, but once I was challenged about it,

then my Irish came up and I was-

n't going to let them tell me whether or not I could go and turn the lights on in the synagogue on a Saturday morning."
As a writer, Hamill bas called on his own colorful life, both in fiction and nonfiction. "I think all good writers try to avoid the book that could be written by others.

That's why I wrote three thrillers

at one point and stopped," he

He wrote A Drinking Life, he says, because his friends who drank were starting to die. Hamill quit drinking 25 years ago.

Hamill was a high school dropout who wanted to be a cartoooist. He attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School and then joined the Navy. (He still paints, and one of his paintings stands on an easel in the living



room. "You have to have something that you can't sell to peo-

ple," he jokes.) In 1960, besould with the work of Hemingway, he was hired as a reporter for the New York Post. Hamill says that someone with his background would have a tough time getting a newspaper job today. Today's generation of reporters

is a different breed, he says. Thear young people talking about pension plans and I just want to kill myself. Talk about murders, will you?" he cries.

Hamill, an entertaining conver-sationalist with a taste for salty language, is now married to his second wife, writer Fukiko Aoki. In his younger days he was linked with such famous women as Shirley MacLaine, Lioda Ronstadt and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. One of his novels is called Loving Women. "I learned a lot from women, more than I ever did from meo," Hamill says.

it's also clear he learned a lot from his old neighborhood, which has never left him. Snow in August is laced with nostalgia for a time when the Dodgers still

played in Brooklyn; it's also honest about the bigotry that colored the times.

The friendship between comic-book-loving Michael Devlin and the sad-eyed rabbi is threatened by an anosemitic street gang that has already put a Jewish candy store owner in hospital.

As a kid, Hamill was haunted hy pictures of the Holocaust that he saw in a magazine. Even today, he says, he sometimes has nightmares about concentration camps.

"For many Jews after the war, the great theological question was, 'How could God do this?'" Hamili says. Snow in August, a fable, rewrites the ending for the Jewish people.
"One of the themes of the book

is first you imagine and then you live," Hamill says. "The ending of this book is oot intended to be a literal journalistic ending; obviously, it's an act of the imagination. And the imagination says we win. We dance. We will have our dance. No matter what has happened to us, we will dance, we

(The Hartford Courant)

various indigent writers, sometimes reach, not at the sublime if often putting them op at his Connecticut obscure, but at the near at hand, the home: paid for Delmore Schwartz's real halo where individual conpsychiatrist bills when Schwartz sciousness meets physical presence. was falling apart; helped his more He rarely missed. Admirers cut across stylistic boundaries and ran from Thom their income; put belief in his authors' work far ahead of his con-

Gunn to Susan Sontag to Robert Creeley, from Gilbert Sorrentino to Guy Davenport to James Merrill, who wrote: "Robert Lowell used to worry: what made a James Langhlin poem so good? It didn't help to count syllables or stresses ...You simply drink and drink from the cool, unflavored spring. Evian has met its match."

They say I have to go away soon On the long trip to nowhere. Put things in order, they say, But I've always been disorderly So why start that now? Not much time, they say. What to do with it? Not much different, I think. Than what I've been doing. My best friends have always been

The ones in books. Read a few pages here, a few No complaints, few regrets,

Thanks to everybody.

Peter Cole

A secular look at **Mother Teresa**

MOTHER TERESA: Beyond the Image by Anne Sebba. New York, Doubleday. 297 pp. \$24.95.

By Bill Williams

Before she died, Mother Teresa was widely regarded as a living saint. She inspired millions with her unfailing dedication to serving the poorest of the poor, first in India, then in dozens of other nations.

Mother Teresa: Beyond the Image is the first of what surely will be many new books about her life. In a preface, the author announces that she has not written "a traditional

biography," adding that, in a biographical sense, "Mother Teresa's life is not interesting" because it includes "none of the inner conflicts that give the best biographies their dramatic tension." What follows is an uneven account of Mother Teresa's work and the growth of her Missionaries of Charity, laced with a hodgepodge of unanswered ques-tions, nit-picking criticisms and random quotes, many from anonymous

Sebba suggests that Mother Teresa long escaped tough questions about her work because of her status as an icon; Sebba wants to set the record straight. The goal is worthy. Surely, Mother Teresa should not be beyond

But the author, eager to draw a complete picture, seems to have loaded the book with every criticism anyone ottered, no matter how trivial. Although Sebba evidently talked to numerous sources, there's scant evidence of her having interviewed Mother Teresa for a response.

Critics complained to Sebba that Mother Teresa tried to help too many poor people rather than provide better care to fewer people; that she didn't prepare a successor, that she merely helped poor people while doing nothing to alleviate the causes of poverty; that she often failed to follow the best medical practices, such as placing tuberculo-

sis patients in a separate ward. For sure, these are important issues, worthy of inclusion in a thoughtful biography. But mixed in are numerous petty complaints, such as Sebba's comment in a chapter titled "Ego" that the sign on the sides of Mother Teresa's buses was changed from "Missionaries of Charity" to "Mother Teresa's

Missionaries of Charity" because of her huge ego. Sebba says some people saw Mother Teresa as "very determined and quite ruthless in getting her own way." We're not told who said it or in what context, After reading pages of this kind of criti-cism, the reader may begin to doubt

the author's fairness. Also included in this mishmash are anecdotes that appear to raise questions about Mother Teresa's work but don't provide enough details for readers to draw a conclu-

A doctor, for example, complained that Mother Teresa was given an expensive X-ray machine, but it was not being used because she had no one to run it. The author says that surely someone could have been trained to operate it. But there's no indication that she investigated further. The reader is left hanging. Much of the book is like that.

Sebba also seems put off by Mother Teresa's uncompromising positions against birth control and abortion and perplexed by her deep spiritual beliefs.

She seems astonished, for instance, that Mother Teresa asked families of the victims of the Bhopal gas leak to forgive those responsible. Likewise, she seems mystified that Mother Teresa would call suffering a gift.

Perhaps the book's main fault is its persistent attempt to judge Mother leresa's work by secular standards. Sebba complains about Mother Teresa's failure to keep medical records and about the lack of toys for children in her care.

The author does ask good questions about the nature of missionary work in today's world and about the role of charitable organizations in alleviating extreme poverty. And she concedes that Mother Teresa has done much good while questioning whether the millions of dollars she has raised could have been put to

It seems churlish to criticize Mother Teresa for having tried to help too many people. After all, she devoted her life to assisting dying, destitute and homeless people with AIDS, leprosy and other sicknesses. Readers likely will feel cheated by

this incomplete biography.

Other books in the coming months and years surely will offer a more balanced look at Mother Teresa's

(The Hartford Courant)

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1. The Partner by John Grisham, Dell, Arrow.

Secrecy by Belva Plain. Dell, Coronet.

3. Secret Affair by Barbara Bradford Taylor, Harper

4. Power Plays: Politika by

Tom Clancy Penguin,

My Gal Sunday by Mary Higgins Clark. Pocket.

 3001: Final Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke. Harper Collins, Del Rey. 8. Survival of the Fittest by

Nicholas Sparks. Bantam.

6. The Notebook by

Jonathan Kellerman, Little 9. Mistress of Spices by

Chitra B. Divakaruni. Black Swan.

10. Jack & Jill by James Patterson, Warner, HarperCollins.

BOOK BYTES

ven before Hong Kong was handed back to China, the ACommunist authorities blocked the Chinese translation of Paul Theroux's most recent novel, Kowloon Tong. Beijing determined that the book is "anti-Chinese and presents an extremely inaccurate picture of Mainland Chinese businessmen in Hong Kong." Theoretically, the book could have been translated in Taiwan and shipped to the Hong Kong market from there. But, according to Publishers Weekly, all Hong Kong's book stores are controlled by the major distributors of Chinese-language materials regulated directly by Beijing. However, 900 copies of the original English edition were ordered directly from the UK. It was expected that China, fearing adverse media attention, would turn e blind eye. Theroux commented, "After all, they promised that nothing would change for 50 years."

As a postscript to Chinese censorship, Playboy magazine also did a volte-face on their decision to serialize the Houghton Mifflin book, because of concern over depiction of Chinese characters."

WHAT HAPPENS to fast-track executive women when they decide to get off the corporate merry-goround? Some, like Elizabeth Perle McKerma, will write a book. When Work Doesn't Work Anymore: Women, Work and Identity (Delacorte) is not a complete denial by an 18-year veteran of the publishing world. McKenna originally intended to take a summer off. Instead, she "spent two years detoxiog." She also intended to write something modest, a little paperback telling women how "to survive in an alien environment." Her book adresses what she calls "women's dirty secret they want to work, they love to work - and they're going crazy working." She says she's not "telling people to go home," but rather, "You can critique work, and change it."

McKenna now works at home. She admits, "It's awfully nice when you're covered with baby spit to

ON JUNE 30, 1797, John Hatchard

It is the London bookshop. Authors like P. D. James and Joanna Troiloge love it, as did Kipling, Maugham, Wilde, Greene and Priestly. Politicians regularly meet around its tables of books. And the queen buys

The original Hatchard not only sold but also published books and parnphlets. One of the firm's early successes was a treatise called Reform or Ruin: Take Your Choice! by one John Bowdler. Hatchard also provided a back room for his customers, like Benjamin Disraeli, to sit, converse, drink and smoke.

still remains special. Enid Blyton once taught children to read there. A notable window display contained live butterflies to promote e natural history title. And since 1966, the shop annually hosts an Authors of the Year party.

The late author Laurie Lee said that and a monument of a drinking fountain in Poets' Comer"

NOVELIST Sydney Sheldon recently celebrated his induction into The Gunness Book of Records for the highest lifetime sales of any author -\$275 million worth. At a party in his honor the head of his exclusive publisher, HarperCollins, gratefully paid tribute to the six publishers who rejected Sheldon's first book.

David Brauner

[think of putting] on a pair of pantyhose and have your assistant open

invested a modest £5 to open a bookshop at 173 Piccadilly. By the time he died, his fiver had multiplied to £100,000. And what's more, his shop, Hatchards of Piccadilly, is alive and thriving today after 200 years.

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Harchards, now owned by Dillons,

it was his dream "to have a heart attack at Hatchards, followed by a memorial service at the Garrick Club.



and civility abound. He employed

challenged. Stories of Laughlin's kindness

lishing, Laoghlin's claim to literary fame would have been ensured. But he was first and last a poet -Pound's early evaluation of him notwithstanding. In his semi-retirement (he never really stopped working et New Directions), Laughlin devoted himself to writing: memoirs, poems, and translations from the Greek and Latin poets he loved (and sometimes

invented). All mingled in his best,

and last, collection, The Country

famous writers find larger, more

powerful houses that would boost

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His poetry was direct, unadorned, and casually but recognizably measured. While in midlife he was something of an occasional poet of love poems and light verse, in old age he became one of America's freshest, most vital and prolific writers: minor, by design, but unmistakably fine. He aimed in his poems not at the distant and hard to

The New Hork Times

BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER Fiction

1. Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old love.

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Arafat's tremors

the trembling hands, quivering lips and glazed eyes of Yasser Arafat have been attracting world attention, as it is becoming ever clearer that the chairman of the Palestinian Authority is suffering from a debilitating neurological disease. Given the state of relations between Israel and the PA, and the accompanying danger that instability in the top post of the PA could trigger violence, this is iodeed a matter of concern.

The truth is that Arafat's true medical condition is a well guarded secret. He himself dismisses speculation regarding his health as an Israeli plot and ascribes his shaking demeanor to "lack of sleep." But health experts viewing his public appearances assert that he is suffering from much more than an occasional night of tossing and turning. The conventional wisdom is that he is either ill with Parkinson's disease or another medical condition related to the blows he received to the head during a plane crash while flying from Sudan to Libya in April 1992.

In either case, the symptoms, which will only get worse with time, could include slowness of speech, lack of motor control, and reduced cognitive abilities, including limitations in memory and concentration. No national leader can continue to discharge his duties under such conditions. In a properly functioning democracy, Arafat would long ago have been required to either provide convincing medical evidence of good health or step down.

But the PA is far from a democracy, which is precisely where the problem lies. World leaders, such as German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Jacques Chirac are reportedly reacting to reports of Arafat's health difficulties by urging that the peace process be speeded up as much as possible, while Arafat is still capable of signing an agreement. This approach is too narrowly focused. The issues regarding the future of the PA are more consequential than any single round of talks, because an agreement concluded with Arafat that is not honored by his successors will not be worth much. How the succession to Arafat is effected is as important as who succeeds him.

One of the clearest indications that Arafat is among potential successors. Some of it is remarkable, because this is not the equivalent of members of the Likud faction in the Knesset discussing a possible breakaway. Arafat has maintained control over the PLO for over 30 years by deviously and skillfully manipulating potential rivals, sometimes in the most brutal manner. Nevertheless, there are clear camps emerging in the so-far subdued succession struggle. They can

for a "legally legitimate" succession and those who are more likely to take control through the barrel of a gun.

Even if Arafat manages to survive for a long time, the results of the current struggles could have important implications regarding the balance of power in the Palestinian Authority. The more democratic-minded camp is attempting to strengthen the position of the elected council. It is insisting that the Palestinian Basic Law be followed in the event of Arafat's death or incapacitation so that Ahmed Qurei, the speaker of the council, would automatically be acting PA chairman for 60 days until new elections can be held.

Another proposed reform is separating the positions of chairman of the PLO and chairman of the PA. This may seem like an obscure distinction, but it is an important one. The PA is an autonomous entity, at least nominally ruled by laws and bound by international standards and agreements. The PLO is seemingly not bound by any rules. Arafat has often made use of the blurring between the two to get around constraints he is uncomfortable with, be they limits on PA diplomatic contacts or PA commitments of accountability towards donor nations. The fact that the PLO is still around has facilitated a good deal of the corruption that has marked Palestinian self-rule, and separating the PLO and PA would be a step towards eleaner government.

No less interesting is the source of some of these demands: Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department in Tunis, who has been out of the headlines for years, is one of those pushing for reforms. In fact, some prominent Palestinian politicians recently flew to Tunis to confer with Kaddoumi on these matters. This has lead to intriguing speculation that Kaddoumi is serving as the point man in a coalition of Palestinians forming to block a possible military takeover of the PA by strongmen Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan. The public campaign to accuse Rajoub a "traitor" may also be related to this struggle. A good deal of activity is apparent. ly taking place which could have far-reaching consequences.

Israel and the West need to keep an eye on indeed ailing is the jockeying for position evident these developments. A democratic-leaning PA with a legitimate leadership is more likely to reach and observe agreements with Israel than an unstable one ruled by a military dictator. Although it is a truism that nations have the right to select their own leadership, there are also legitimate tools countries can use to encourage prodemocracy movements in other nations. Those truly concerned by Arafat's tremors and shakes would do well to consider using some of those roughly be divided into those who are pushing tools with regard to the PA.



No more blunders

armed might in the Gulf is no mere window-dressing. Both in the White House and the US defense establishment, voices call for a full-scale strike at critical Iraqi warfare manufacturing and storage sites as a first bid to eliminate Saddam Hussein's regime.

This column heard from a Washington source: "We blundered twice in misreading the signs that nothing less than the destruction of Hussein will rid the entire Middle East of the serious threat of a calamitous war involving chemical weapons and poison gas. We cannot afford to make the same mistake a third time."

The first blunder was made by president Bush, who did not seize Baghdad and replace Saddam Hussein in 1991. It was the mistaken belief that Iraqi army officers would finish the job following the disastrous Gulf War that devastated so much of Iraq's military power. To this end, the US refrained from bombing Saddam's surviving crack Republican guard divisions, convioced that they would lead the revolt against him.

The second mistake was the US misreading of the defection, in August 1995, of Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan, the builder of trag's military machine. Hassan fled from Baghdad with his brother, Saddam Kamel, their two wives (both daughters of the Iraqi dictator) and their families. Given asylum in Jordan by King Hussein, Kamel was interrogated for months by US officials. Repeatedly, Hassan told the Americans that Saddam was burning with desire to seek revenge against the US and its allies. He gave precise details of surviving war plans and frag's military storage sites.

He warned: "Unless you eliminate Saddam, he will my again to seize Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in order to control the major sources of Middle Eastern oil. With your support I'm ready to set up an opposition gov-ernment to replace Saddam. He's ruining Iraq and bringing much suffering to the entire population." The interrogators focused on the

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most minute details of Iraq's stillformidable war machine. This column was briefed: "The defector repeatedly switched attention to his main reason for fleeing Iraq. 'I'm ready to take over the reins in

Nothing less than the destruction of Hussein will rid the entire Middle East of the serious threat of a calamitous war

Baghdad and establish a pro-Western government. But I need active US backing, Somehow, the thrust of his message was lost some-where along the line," we were told.

Realizing the danger to himself by Kamel's defection, Hussein sent his son Uday to Amman on a "reconciliation visit." King Hussein ordered a close watch be kept on the large party, it was dis-covered that they were out to kill the entire group of defectors..

When Hussein Kamel realized that he was not being taken seriously by the Americans, he began to waver, his wife and sister-in-law pleaded night and day to be allowed to return to their homeland. His will to resist the pressure was weakened. by the arrival of his weeping mother-in-law, Sarjida, who told him that Saddam had promised ber that he would forgive him and his brother if they would return to Baghdad.

Hussein Kamel made one last effort to convince the US officials. wbo were still dealing with him as though he was a minor spy, to decide immediately whether or not to go along with his plans to stop Saddam Hussein permanently.

His efforts were to no avail. He warned that when Saddam felt there was weakness in the Western alliance - that the French and Russians would work behind the

scenes to convince the UN to soften its sanctions policy - be would challenge the US. In the meantime, be warned, Saddam was surreptitiously building up his weapon stocks acquired secretly in

Europe, China and North Korea. Hussein Kamel realized that his plan to topple Saddam Hussein had failed because of a lack of US political will. Given Saddam's personal written guarantees of "no reprisals," the entire entourage returned to Iraq.

Saddam prepared a major welcoming banquet in their honor. At the banquet, his bodyguards, led by Uday, massacred all the males of Kamel's Majeed tribe, His two daughters were severely punished.

THE danger facing the Western world is that Saddam Hussein is determined to become the master of Middle Eastern oil. Although weaker than he was when he invaded Kuwait, he is convinced that be can now topple his neighbor and within days seize the oil wells of Saudi Arabia, too, He also believes that the French and Russians, in order to do business with him, will not give the White House their support to unleash US forces against Iraq.

Today there are people in Washington who are unaware that every prediction made by Kamel Hassan has come true. Saddam Husseln is now flexing his muscles, coinciding with the fact that President Clinton is even weaker than was George Busb. There are many bitter recriminations made in the administration that the US cannot afford to be outwitted and outblinked by Saddam Hussein, At the same time, there are cautious voices urging the White House to adopt a policy of "restraint" and "making concessions" to Irac

rather than going it alone. We cannot know what the president will do. The outcome would dramatically affect not only the Middle East, but also the future and prosperity of the entire Western world.

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Against

LARRY DERFNER

ore than anything else, the Israeli people today. waot unity. And reconciliation. Uoity and reconciliation. This is our answer to motherhood and apple pie.

Such a looging out there to heal our wounds. lostantly. Let's just everybody join bands, keep our voices down and put it all bebind us.

There's a broad consensus in the country for that approach, and naturally I'm suspicious of anything a majority of Israelis endorse. Given the majority's recent track record, I figure anything they want is likely to be bad for us. Like unity and reconciliation.

As a general principle, I could . go along with it. Things could be a little calmer around bere. But if this call for unity is examined closely, I think most Israelis would have to reject it.

Ask yourself the question: Do you really want unity with all. Israelis? Even those, for instance, who pray at Baruch Goldstein's grave? What about those who'd like to pray there but are just too lazy or scared to make the trip? What about those who wouldn't go so far as to pray at Goldstein's grave, but who still think be was a good Jew, one of us?

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We're talking about a lot of Israelis here. There's no shortage of bloody-minded bigots racial and/or religious - in this country. And they bave a presence, an influence on the national mentality, that goes far beyond their numbers. What sort of reconciliation do you want with them?

WE'RE getting ahead of ourselves with this unity thing. We should have realized over the last few years that there are all sorts of Israelis who stand for principles that cannot be absorbed, cannot be reconciled. because they eat away at wbatever's decent in this country.

The call for unity and reconciliation is hollow

In the West, this idea is pretty much taken for granted. Wellintentioned Americans want unity, too, but not with Ku Klux Klansmen, not with Militiamen. and not with their sympathizers. Good Americans have no problem seeing malevolent bigots as their enemies, as being fundamentally foreign to them - even if these enemies are American citizens.

But, being Jews, a small people that has been decimated and which is still threatened by more than a few Gentiles, we take unity much more seriously, more literally - it's supposed to mean all Jews. We can't really think of Jews as enemies. Even with the worst among us, we need to be able tu talk things over, or, better yet, put some things aside, because we all have to stick together.

it doesn't work. It hasn't worked. And because it so obviously hasn't worked, the call for unity and reconciliation is hollow. Before we talk about unity, we should be making it plain that there are many Jews, bundreds of thousands of them. with whom we don't want unity.

Yet the Israeli people, as a whole, don't have the courage to do it. What we want above all is quiet. And the name we've given this quiet we seek is unity." The Right, religious and secular, is pushing hardest for it, because they don't like being reminded that Goldstein, Yigal Amir and all their fans somehow, coincidentally, side with the Right against the Left.

In addition there's the nonideological Center, which just can't take all this tension in the air, and wants it to go away now. Between the Right and Center, there's probably a 75% majority in favor of looking the other way while the disease spreads.

It isn't spreading? Look at how the Avishai Raviv conspiracy mania has caught on. How many Israelis are convinced that Shimon Peres, or some leftist cabal. was behind Rabin's murder? Only a handful? Do me a favor. What else do they

Are they shy about circulating their opinions, influencing others? Shall we unify with them? Incidentally, there's another sentiment nowadays, besides the need for unity, which also commands a very broad consensus: that a political assassination could happen here again. With this on our minds, what is the call for uoity and reconciliation - for quiet - but a sign of desperation, of weakness?

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

MOURNING DEMOCRACY

underway, to be reported prominent-

The television stations broadcast

Raviv in Kiryat Arba, training

teenagers in weapons use. He was

shown planning to invade the Orient

House, swearing to kill Jews at the graveside of Yair Stern in Tel Aviv.

Thanks to Raviv we all saw Rabin

in SS uniform even if Netanyahu

perhaps didn't. We heard Arafat

claiming that Raviv's Eyal group

was cooperating with Hamas. Did

Rabin ever inform Arafat that Raviv

or spreading disinformation, mali-

ciously so, against the entire right

Was Raviv collecting information

couldn't be doing that?

ly in the media.

Sir. - As Susan Hattis-Rolef makes clear, many more Israelis should be, in her article of the same name, "mourning a slain leader" (November 11) rather than letting the Avishai Raviv affair get in the way. Nevertheless, if we do not deal with Avishai Raviv, we might end up mourning democracy.

Raviv was permitted to run wild. He ended up bandling his handlers. His buddy assassinated the prime minister of Israel. Moreover, since December 1987, Raviv had been bearing up Arabs, causing property damage to them and, in addition, was engaged in fisticuffs with left-

Not only that but in the fall of 1995, Raviv took (false) credit for the murder of an Arab resident of Halhul. The government met and Yossi Sarid demanded the expulsion of Hebron's Jews while Binyamin Ben-Eliezer

(November 10) or of Armistice

In a week which bas been dedi-

cated to remembrance of a verv

Day (November 11) this year.

FORGOTTEN ANNIVERSARIES Sir. - I would like to express my recent and tragic event in our hissurprise and disappointment at the fact that Israel's only English-language newspaper did not make mention at all of Kristalinacht

ranted and raved. The GSS officials began terming "the extreme Right" attending the session did not deign to with increasing volume so as to inform the ministers that in this case. eliminate the possibility of any right they were in error. They sat by quietwinger being moderate? ly while a real incitement effort was

Was Raviv's political task, in addition to his legitimate intelligence role, the conscious besmirching of an entire ideological camp? Was Binyamin Netanyahu, as Ehud Barak and company claim, leading an "incitement campaign" or was Raviv making sure that any actual incitement by fringe groups would be amplified and laid at Netanyahu's doorstep?

These and other questions must be addressed for the answers may prove just how close certain political forces came to destroying basic elements of democracy which Israel can ill afford to lose.

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earlier this century leading to the

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tory, it would still not have been amiss, in my opinion, to have recalled, if in only a few words, these two anniversaries which are both in danger of being forgotten by the younger generation, both of which commemorate important and tragic events that happened Shilob.

overwhelming loss of so many If it is too late to remedy the situation this year, I would hope that it will not recur in future.

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On November 20, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that at Lake Success the Arab states presented their proposals for an independent Arab-controlled Palestine, with the threat that the UN would have to impose a "rule by force" on the Arab world if it partitioned the country. They demanded the termination of the Mandate, a total withdrawal of British forces, and the stoppage of all Jewisb immigration. The Partitioo Subcommittee of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Palestine had unanimously agreed that Jerusalem should be placed under the UN

Trusteeship Council's jurisdiction.

Two new outpost settlements,

Ramat Hanegev and Halutza, were founded in the Negev desert by young Jewish pioneers. Revivim was the base from which 25 heavily loaded trucks left at midnight. Both settlements at once began to build roads, lay out areas for afforestation and prepare the soil for tilling.

25 years ago: On November 20, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that in a military-style operation, Israel Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren removed the stain of mamzerut from the Langer brother and sister, and they were both married. He did so in his capacity as Tel Aviv chief rabbi and president of the District

Rabbinical Court, having gained the approval of eight dayanim (rab-

binical judges).
Prime Minister Golda Meir reaffirmed Israel's willingness to negotiate an interim Suez canal agreement. "Peace," she said, "depended 100 percent on our neighbors."

A high-ranking Jordanian army officer had been arrested for being involved in an anti-Hussein plot masterminded by the Libyan regime of Muammar Gaddafi. The Egyptian authorities arrested 30 to 40 military officers and foiled a plot to overthrow the regime of President Sadat.

Alexander Zvielli

Beyond the crisis

The Doha conference and the crisis in Iraq might seem at first glance to be completely unconnected. But in fact both of them are related to the after-effects of the Gulf War, which are still being felt in the region. Iraq is obviously still struggling with its pariah status and the sanctions imposed on it, while one of the reasons for Egypt and Syria boycotting the Doha conference is their disgruntlement at not having been rewarded handsomely enough for their support of allied forces in the Gulf

seven years ago. The recurring crises over Iraq focus world attention on immediate, albeit very important, issues in Baghdad. At the same time, it prevents theinternational community from pragmatically assisting Iraq in solving its real problems and returning it back to the society of "normal" nations.

Israel in particular needs to be capable of looking past the immedi-ate, possible threats Iraq poses, and take a longer view towards the Iraq that may emerge in the future. Obviously, an Iraq that is no longer a source of instability and tension in the region will be a more comfortable Iraq for Israel. But even more is possible: as far-fetched as it may sound today, Iraq can potentially play a positive role in strengthening the economic roots of Israel's integration in the Middle East, and give a push towards realizing the "fruits of peace" in the Fertile Crescent and beyond.

The growing economic ries between Israel and the Arab world is by this point a given. The ties have successfully weathered outnerous crises, as can be attested by the thousands of Arab businessmen who attended the Doha conference despite their countries' boycotts. The expansion of economic relations can be expected to continue in the future, and it is unlikely to forever exclude Iraq. As a glance at the map reveals, Iraq is part of a geographic continuum stretching through Jordan and the PA to Israe and the shores of the

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route for oil being shipped from Iraq to the markets of Europe and North America is through the Mediterranean ports.

Indeed, one of the ironic foomotes of the Gulf War is that the H-2 zone from which Iraq fired most of its Scud missiles on Israel originally stood for "Haifa-2 zone," referring to one of the major pipelines built by the British for the transport of oil to the port of Haifa. Under normal circumstances, that pipeline would long ago have been reactivated. The fact that this was not an option was one of the factors which increased Iraqi interest in dominating the Persian Gulf, its only opening to the sea, with disastrous consequences.

The reopening of the oil trade route from Iraq through Jordan to Israel - and possibly also the port in Gaza - can have tangible benefits for all involved. An Iraqi opening to the sea that does not go through the Persian Gulf can contribute to reducing tensions in that part of the world. Jordan and the Palestinians as middlemen can gain much needed revenues. Indeed, it could be the only way a port in Gaza would be profitable, And an Iraq which has an economic interest in Israel will not threaten it with non-conventional

ALL this will admittedly have to wait for a number of developments to occur in the political standing of Iraq in the world and the Middle East. But there is also an additional factor to consider - key Middle East nations such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria are likely to oppose any move towards making it a reality, regardless of the regime in Baghdad, Egypt and Syria are already wary of the relatively close ties between Israel and Jordan. If Iraq were to become part of the picture, it could raise further alarms, reminiscent to some that during the Gulf War, Jordan and the Palestinians were on the side of Iraq Mediterranean. The most natural against Egypt and Syria. Egypt and

Sytia's frustrations ultimately derive from the fact that despite their full support of the anti-Iraq coalition during the Gulf War, they were not repaid with the regional roles they expected in return. Instead, they have been watching Jordan, which was on the wrong side in that conflict, stealing center stage in Western attention, and in economic development plans at regional conference after confer-

ence. Egypt's lack of self-confidence in these matters, however, is puzzling. No Middle Eastern nation can seriously challenge it as the leading Arab nation. It raised its stature in the Middle East by taking a leading role in mediating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Egypt has been making a policy

mistake in adopting a negative stance with regard to increasing Israel's economic involvement in the region. If Cairo, which feels blocked on its African flanks by Libya and Sudan, really wants to look east to the Fertile Crescent area for its future, it should be actively looking for opportunities to support economic ties between Israel and its neighbours and try to Integrate itself into that trend. Doing so would enable Egypt to claim a leading economic role in the region, converting what it now perceives as a threat the Arab world - into an opportunity for its own enhancement.

Sconer or later the question of lifting the sanctions on Iraq will again be high on the international agenda. That will first and foremost require Iraq to renounce the use and production of weapons of mass destruction. An Iraqi willingness to join in economic tles with Israel perhaps with Egyptian mediation would also be a sign that it is ready to play a constructive rather than destructive role in the region.

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ogically, you know it has to be — but somehow, you just don't think of Sean Penn as having parents. You imagine him suddenly materializing in Los Angeles in the mid-80s, full-grown and dangerous, just in time to punch a photographer for trying to a picture of Madorna.

But here it is, the touching family portrait: actress Eileen Ryan, 69, Sean's mother, actor-director Leo Penn, 76, Sean's father, and Sean, all gathered at the nearby City offices of Sean Penn's modern company, Clyde Is thingry, to talk about a new family project: Remembrance, a drama by Irish playwright Graham Reid. starring Eileen and Leo, produced by Sean and Clyde Is Hungry in Company, which is playing at the Odyssey Theatre in West Los

Of course, this is not exactly a scene from The Waltons, with an edgy Sean Penn chain-smoking and bouncing in and out of his bair tailing about the sorry state of the rin Los Angeles, while his discracking parents talk about their roller-coaster lives as actors.

Their years in the business include Leo Penn's decade on the Hollywood blacklist in the 1940s 30s, the result of attending ctings of actors sympathetic to Hally bod trade union members and accasionally speaking out at meetings in support of the Hollywood Ten.

Also somewhat outside the oom was the Malibu neighborhood here Sean and his brothers- musi-Can Michael, 39, and actor Chris, 31 arew up shooting their own with buddies such as Rob Lowe, Emilio Estevez and Charlie

But the dedication to theater - as exemplified by this play, the story West-old British Protestant former soldier and a 63-year-old althour widow who fall in love in The Belfast cemetery where each has buried a son - is definitely a family affair.

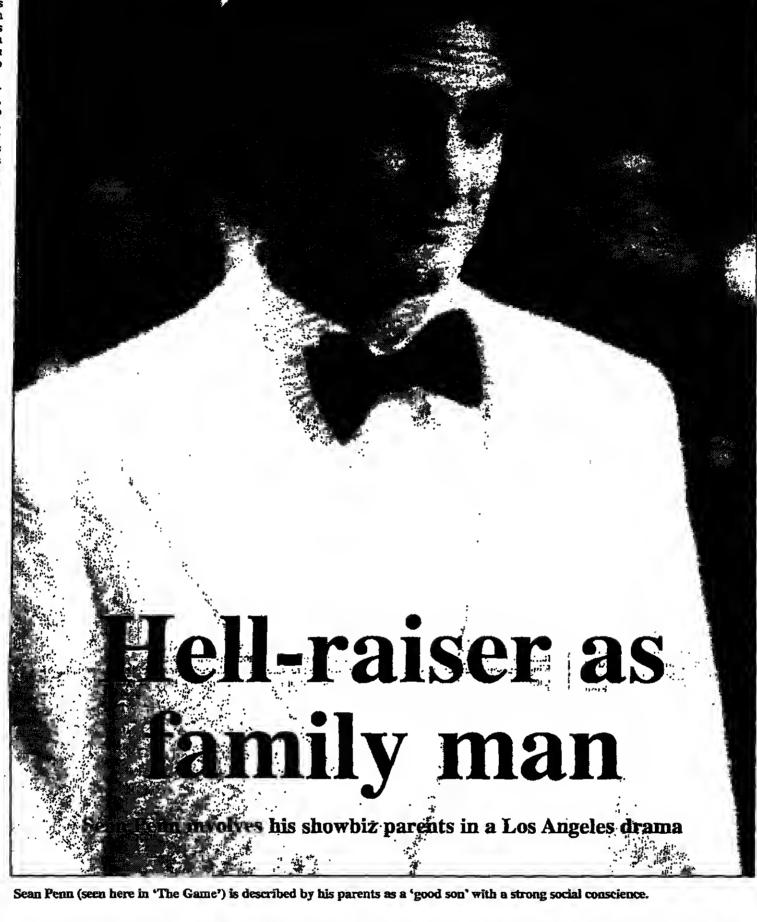
The elder Penns say they've received nothing but support from nts great actors" as well as a great inspiration" to him and his brothers. "Here is the beginning of something. We're thinking of starting a theater," Sean offers.

Sean Penn is fresh from a best tor ned at Cannes for his role in day Cassavetes's film She's So He also stars with Michael bounds in The Game, which opens in Israeli cinemas tomorrow, and his most recent film, Oliver Stone's U-Turn, opened in the US last month.

Play's director, Veronica brought Remembrance to Ryan and Leo Penn, who in turn ton to their son, who agreed to produce it. They discovered the rights to the play were already owned by a trio of actresses -Melissa Fitzgerald, Robin Lange diffigura Jane Salvato. They because to collaborate, and the line are now in the cast, which also includes James Gandolfini.

Penn describes his role of producer as minimal. "I'm the mayonnaise in the sandwich," he says. But through his efforts, Sinead Department music for the play with loseph Vitarelli, who composed the missic for She's So Lovely. O'Connor performs the recorded music, written in an ancient Irish a cappella style.

It's like getting married again, renewing your vows," says the white-haired, elfin Leo Penn of falling in love with his real-life wife for the first time onstage. "It's misleading to say it's a geriatric Romeo and Juliet - but it is." Despite Penn's surly reputation, his parents describe him as a "good son" with a strong social conscience, misrepresented by



his someomes violent reaction to the media. "He was married to Madonna, for Christ's sake," Ryan exclaims. "They would just jump out from behind something, he didn't know whether they had a gun in their hand or what that started the whole thing. ... I think it burt Sean a great deal, that time. And Sean is very shy. Of the three boys, Mike and Chris were extroverted, but Sean was shy." Adds Leo Penn: "In school, they used to call him Gary Cooper, because all he said was 'yup' and 'nope.'"

Ryan Penn describes her son as a true actor, uncomfortable with the attendant role of movie star.

Ryan and Leo Penn note that they never pushed their children into show business. "I would never have driven my kids to anything," Ryan Penn says.

"You drove them to Little League," quips Leo Penn. "I just wanted them to be fulfilled in whatever they decided to

do," Ryan says. The couple - who met when cast in leading roles in a late-1950s Broadway production of The Iceman Cometh, when Leo Penn took over the role vacated by Jason Robards --- shared a philosophy of fostering independence in their children. And they have clearly maintained creative lives indepen-

dently of their famous offspring. Rvan Penn, a oative New Yorker, made the choice to give up a flourishing Broadway career to raise her sons, oot re-entering the field until cast member Sean helped her land a role in the 1986 film As Close Range. But she has always devoted time to creative endeavors, including writing, sculpting and painting.

And Ryan Penn recently sold a screenplay to HBO that she had tucked away in a drawer for years: Bloodlines, an autobiographical drama about three generations of women - including a character based on her own mother, an alcobolic. "It was very therapeutic to write this script — very painful and therapeutic," she says.

Leo Penn launched his acting

career at UCLA, where he studied drama and expected to teach some day. Instead, after performing in a

calling. By 1945 he was signed to as baby-faced killers," he says. "I a studio contract with Paramount, but it was not renewed due to the

"But I was told the reason I was under contract in the first place was that Alan Ladd, who was a short actor, refused to do a movie, and they put him on suspension. They signed me, another short actor, as a threat," he says, grinning. Leo Peno survived the blacklist

mostly by doing television work; his movie career finally recovered when he was offered a role with Rita Hayworth and Gig Young in Story on Page One, directed by Clifford Odets. Ironically, through a chance meeting with Odets's sister in a restaurant, Penn had just learned that it was Odets who turned over his name to the congressional committees responsible for authoring the blacklist. Guilt may have prompted Odets's call. "And there went all my integrity!" Penn jokes. "That feature bought us our first house."

Re-entering Hollywood, however, made Penn realize he was tired of acting. "I looked young for my play on campus, Hollywood came age, and I was tired of being cast

had directed one play, off-Broadway, and thought I might like to direct." Through a frieod, he was able to wangle his way onto the set of a then-new TV series called Ben Casey to learn the ropes as a director - and soon worked his way up from a jack-ofall-trades, rewriting scenes or whatever was needed, to directing episodes of the show. "I've been a happy gypsy ever since," Penn

He continues to direct television series but says TV is not as much fun as it used to be. "Whether that has to do with faulty memory, or age, I don't know - but you didn't have the network involved so much; you had individual sponsors, who did little in the way of interfering," he says.
While it's been decades since

they've been on stage together, the husband and wife say they are up to the challenge. "As a matter of fact, it's easier, because we can take advantage of certain elements of our lives. Two actors arriving as strangers don't have that," Leo Penn observes. (L.A. Times)

Midweek free-for-all

By TRACY FISKE

The Troot has made a spectacle of stacif last week by debuting a Smady evening theat; night featuring a Smady evening theat; night featuring a notat the know, it was to be a typical underselving out a few drinks with special sinds a surse crowd, accompanied by mellow music. But at 10.50 pinn, the boose was full. The minit stopped suddenly, and two men dressed up as I double loady, diets I guest, began maning around the pull, making a unknow. Felling inintelligibly at the convolution of the convolution The Tzoof bar made a spectacle of itself last week by debuting a Sunday evening theater night featuring the laster Straight acting company. For those of us

food, a scenester, or a drinker, Tzoof has a little something for everyone just make sure to show up on the right nights, at the right hours.

Tzoof, 15 Derech Hebron, Jerusalem



AACI song contest winner Drue Hoile talks about his favorite discs

Tew immigrant Drue Hoile, 31, co-winner of last week's AACI English Song competition in Beersheba, never goes anywhere without his steelstring Yamaha guitar. He's had it for 16 years, traveling the east coast of his native Australia, to New Zealand, and to London. Theo it came with him when he followed his heart to Israel. The composer of two well-received musicals as well as solo albums down under," this was his first local musical foray. After having learned about the competition through The Jerusalem Post, he wrote the music for his winning entry "Too Many Nights" with Israeli lyricist Baruch Friedland. In addition to his favorite discs, Hoile could not resist including a

special book which he brought with him from his native Sydney to Tel Aviv, where he lives with his

1. Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Duke Ellington Songbook
The combination of ber voice

and his arrangements is fantastic. Fitzgerald was a wonderful singer. She makes it sound so easy and fun, even when she's singing sad songs. She makes you want to sing. Ellington's arrangements are on a par with well-arranged classics. It's an inspiring collection that never fails to surprise me every time I listen to it."

2. The Oscar Peterson Trio in Concert

This is a remake of a 1964 concert, and it's one of the best jazz recordings ever. I discovered Oscar Peterson about six years ago, and I've been a fan ever since. The playing on this CD is very lively, with lots of atmosphere. It's an inspiring recording to work with (in the sound studio because the CD's balance is so good]. It's a reminder to me of the 'kiss' theory - keep it simple, stupid!!"

3. Songs for Liquid Days by Phillip Glass, set to words by such artists as Linda Ronstadt, Paul

Simon, and David Byrne. "I first heard this at an experimental theater in Sidney in 1985. It was my first theater music commis-

the album for his warm-up routine. Afterwards, I forgot about the music for about five years and then all of a sudden I couldn't get it out of my head. It wasn't until 1992 that I remembered what it was and bought the CD."

sion and I was writing the music for an adaptation of T.S. Eliot's The

Waste Land. One of the actors used



4. Leonardo's Bride

"This is a new and incredibly exciting album from an Australian band called Leonardo's Bride, a pop-rock group in the Beatles tradition. They're pals of mine and I've helped them from time to time, so they sent me the album and it's floored me. You know, you're all in there together, helping each other, making mistakes. developing all the time [and the albums reflect that] and here comes this one with great lyrics and great melodies, truly listenable. Pop albums usually fade rather quickly, but I think this one will be around for a while."

• The Collected Works of Tennyson

"This book is an 1895 editioo I inherited from my Great-Aunt Winnie. She came from England as a young girl, but I only knew her a few years before she died. The book is so beautiful to hold. It has a burgundy leather binding with gold-leaved silk-cut pages. I like a lot of the poetry in it. It's a slow, delicate read. My favorite is the King Arthur story. Idylls of the King." – Helen Kaye

By KAREN SULKIS

Thanksgiving

For American expats who want that authentic holiday feeling, why not tape this Sunday night's live NFL broadcast on METV (24) and replay the tape next Thursday (or Friday) when your guests arrive? The match-up between the Dallas Cowboys and reigning Super Bowl champs the Green Bay Packers starts at 8 p.m. local time. The soothing, dulcet tones of the American sportscasters (audible whenever the Hebrew voice-over ZOA House. guys shut up) and the inevitable cries to "turn that darn TV off!" will add an extra measure of homeyness to the whole affair.

Tel Aviv Area

Drummer Kenwood Dennard and saxophonist Gilad Atzmon are part of a jazz-fusion show tonight at 11 at Camelot. 16 Sholom Aleichem. Call 528-5222.

Eran Tzur beadlines a rock-bill tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum. Also on the program are Corinne Allal and the always delightful Dana International. The show starts at 9:30. Call 527-9797. The lingering effects of a car

crash make for the plot of Sit Down, Mother. Tonight at 9 at

Jerusaiem

Take heart wine snobs! Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrive! In other words, yayin adom hadash higiya! And to celebrate the first French wine, the tapas bar at Jerusalem's Lev Smadar Cinema is hosting a wine-tasting party. Arturo Ui takes the stage tonight Nap first. The uncorking is set for at 9 at the Jerusalem Theater. Call 11:30 p.m.

Call (0521 601-628. it to Jerusalem, but can make it to your computer, you're in luck, too. p.m. at the Coffee Mill in Talpiot.

Roger Voss, a leading European wine expert, is hosting an on-line Beaujolais Nouveau cyber-forum from London. The interactive chat session begins tonight at 7, local time, and you can join in the fun by visiting Wine Enthusiast magazine's home page (http://www.winemag.com).

Joining Voss will be Joseph Berkmann, one of the originators of the concept of racing the first wines of the harvest out of France worldwide release of this year's and into glasses all over the world. A local performance of Bertolt Brecht's The Resistible Rise of 561-0011.

Hovav and Yehuda play blues If you love wine and can't make and light music. The atmosphere gets funky beginning today at 5:30

"American Dream." Tonight at 8:30 in the Khan Theater. Who Is Afraid of Clowns? is an ironic question, considering the

Killer Joe is a psychological

thriller that delves into the

show is performed by six mimes. Tonight at 9:30 at the Pargod Theater.

Haifa

The Salzburg Opera Theater joins the Prague Opera Theater in Strauss's Der Zigeunerbaron. Tonight at 8:30 in the Haifa Theater North.

Edna Mazia's Games in the Backyard looks at the victims, perpetrators and prosecutors involved in a kibbutz rape case. Curtain goes up today at 6 p.m. at the Haifa Theater.

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Phyllis's Tips

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Savvy salmon (Very Good-Excellent)

With excellent products and a wellstocked new factory store in Ramat Hasharon, Salmon Yakobovitz has gained my approval. The store (17 Haharoshet Street) offers a variety of ready-to-cook salmon dishes, salmon and other fish products, fresh pastas and sauces, salads, cheeses and sweets. It also offers catering advice, including free recipes and tips for putting together your party menu.

We tasted the ready-to-bake salmon on a bed of ginger, vegetables and soy sauce and found it tasted superb with just 1/4 of the (separately) packed sauce includ-ed. Available in per-portion con-

tainers at NIS 74 a kg.
The other tasty salmon products include: skinless salmon fillets, NIS 66 kg.; smoked sliced salmon, NIS 125 kg.; salmon salad, 49.90 kg. You also can purchase a kit to produce your own salmon mousse for NIS 29.50. For orders or information: (03)-547-3383.

SALMON IN GINGER (From Salmon Yakobovitz, Ramat Hasharon)

5 frozen salmon steaks, thawed

2-3 carrots, cut into match sticks 6 celery stalks, chopped finely 2 Tosp. chopped fresh ginger 6-8 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 cup olive oil I cup soy sauce 1/4 cup white wine l tsp. lemon juice coarsely ground black pepper

Mix all the ingredients for the base and place in a baking pan. Wash the salmon steaks, pat dry with a paper towel and place on the vegetables.

Mix the ingredients for the sauce and pour on top. Cover with alumioum foil and bake in a preheat-

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

I am 86 years old and am a

good cook and pastry maker. I would like to know what the fol-

lowing ingredients are called in

Hebrew: chives; confectioners' sugar; shallots; allspice; and

cornstarch. You have mentioned

cellophane, parchment and wax

papers. What is the difference

between them and what are they called in Hebrew? Where can I get coriander? Could you give the ingredients for your recipes

not in cups but in dekagrams, the measure the Israeli public uses.

Here are the Hebrew terms you

requested: chives, irit; confection-

ers' sugar, avkat sukar, shallot,

shallot, allspice, pilpel angli;

– Aniko Wittman, Haifa

ed 200° oven for 20 minutes. Spice of life (Very Good)

In recent years, the Segal Winery has expanded its product line to include a variety of high-quality gourmet foods, produced especially for the company by Olivia. Now the company also will market 85 spices and spice mixtures (Hatavinim shel llana) produced for them by Ilana Levi, a six-year veteran in the spice industry.

The spice mixtures include a Mediterranean mixture - which contains garlic, onion, celery, zaatar, sumac, tarragon, hyssop, paprika and spinach - and s'hug, that classic Yemenite blend of coriander, garlic, hot pepper and salt. The Mediterranean mixture Levy prides herself on the fact that her spices don't contain fillers. The spices are worth trying at NIS 7.50 for a bag and NIS 8 for a 30

In a jam (Excellent) There was a time in Israel, many

years ago, when the jams produced by 778 were so delicious they were worth bringing to friends abroad as gifts. Today's 778 jams are not bad, except for the ones with fillers. The Austrian D'arbo jams, which I tasted recently, reminded me of the good old days of 778.

Rudolf D'arbo first produced D'arbo jams in 1879 in Tyrol in a unique manner that gives his jams a homemade texture and flavor. Seven flavors oow are available here in supermarkets and specialty stores, and additional flavors are on the way. Those I tasted had an excellent full-bodied taste.

Since D'arbo's products consist of more than 45 percent fruit, they are not actually jams, but confitures. 450 gr. jars sell for NIS 16 and 225 gr. jars for NIS 11.

Bagel Bagel producing fish fish (Not Good) The Bagel Bagel Company should stick to pretzels, which it does a pretty good job of making. The company's new product, baked salty snacks called Dag Dag (literally "fish fish"), achieved less than rave reviews from my children. These pretzel substitutes are cute, but their taste needs an adjustment. NIS 4.80 for a 200 gr. bag.

Selected chocolates (Very

Elite's Cow chocolates now are produced in a selected, or upgraded. version. They are made with five different types of cocoa beans imported from the Ivory Coast, Venezuela and Java and come in three flavors: milk chocolate; milk chocolate with nuts; and bittersweet chocolate. The bittersweet has 12 percent cocoa sonds, more than any other bittersweet chocolate made in Israel. And the chocolate with nuts has extra outs - 25% instead of the 16% that is typical for chocolate bars.

Although some chocolate aficionados claim hittersweet is the real chocolate, I loved the milk chocolate. Prices: 100 gr. hittersweet, NIS 5.95; 100 gr. milk chocolate, NIS 5.95; and 150 gr. chocolate with oots, NIS 7.95.

Sambucol-c (Very Good-Excellent)

It's not a food (the label calls it a "dietary supplement"), but it is definitely worth keeping Sambucol-c in the kitchen among your vitamins. They are relatively tasty, though I wasn't crazy about the elderberry-mint combination. However, Sambucol-c tablets are helpful when you feel the signs of a viral cold or flu coming on. After chewing four a day as prescribed. I've found colds pass far more quickly than expected.

Prodoced by Razei Bar Industries, the little box contains 16 lozenges, a 4-day supply. Whether or not you believe in alternative medicine, Sambucol-c is worth a try. It is all natural, but does contain sorbitol, which some people may be sensitive to.

cornstarch, kornflour; cellophane wrap, redid nylon; parchment, niar pergament, and wax paper, niar sheava.

Cellophane wrap – also known as oylon wrap – is good for wrap-ping sandwiches and foods before putting them in the refrigerator. However, it is oot an ecologically sound product since it is not biodegradable. Wax paper, meaning wax-coated paper, is suitable for wrapping foods and is more ecologically sound than cellophane wrap. Parchment paper is a wonderful baking tool; line a baking sheet or broiler pan with it instead of oiling the pan to prevent food from sticking. The paper should not be placed too close to the broiler element, however, or it will catch fire.

Fresh coriander (cuzbara yeruka in Hebrew) should be kept with the other fresh herbs in the supermarket. Dried, powdered and whole coriander should be with other dried spices.

Although it once was common to list ingredients in recipes by weight, as is done often in British recipes, today generally only hotel

chefs give recipes listing items like sugar and flour by weight. It oow is commoo and acceptable to use cups, teaspoons and tablespoons. A cottage cheese container makes an exact one cup measure and a regular teaspoon is the standard teaspoon used in recipes.

Your recipe for "Noodles, Swiss Chard and Cashews" (Phyllis' Notebook, September 18) looks very nice, but does not indicate the amount of cashews to use and what to do with them. - Audrey Scher, Jerusalem

Whoops! Use 1/2-3/4 cup toasted cashews. Throw them in right at the end, to hear, but not cook,

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cannot be answered individually. Feedback also appears on Friday in The Jerusalem Post

Hungarian rhapsodies

That music you hear on the stove is the gentle simmering of Hungarian goulash, BARBARA JAKACKI writes

fever there was a dish that welcomed you in from the cold, it stews are indeed gifts to be treasured because the recipes call for basic cuts of meat and household staples, such as onions, potatoes, carrots and noodles. And they all share a common, colorfui component paprika.

As your life's hectic pace steps up, these dishes remain laid-back. Most of them only call for two basic cooking steps: Sante the vegetables and meat, then cover

and simmer until they'te tender. Loaded as they are with meat; traditional goulashes can be pretty high in fat, But don't you stew about that. By using lean cuts of meat and minimal fats, we've drastically cut the calories and given these goulashes a fresher. flavor. So don't let guests and family members go hangry. Let them go Hungarian.

TRANSYLVANIAN GOULASE

3 chicken breast halves, skinged 3 chicken drumsticks; skinned 3 chicken thighs, skinned 4 slices smoked goose breast I cup diced onion .

garlic clove, minced -1 cup diced greeo hell pepper 2 450 gr. cans diced Italian-style tomatoes, undrained !!!

1/2 cup dry red wine 1₁/₂ tsp. paprika

/ tsp. dried tarragon

1/4 tsp. pepper . Place chicken in a Dutch oven

and add water to cover. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes or until tender. Drain chicken in a culander over a bowl; teserve I cup chicken broth. Remove chicken from bones, and shred meat with 2 forks. Cover

Cook goose breast in pan over medium-high heat until crisp; crumble and set aside. Add onion and garlic to goose breast drip-pings in pan and sante 7 minutes or until lightly browned. Add the bell pepper and somatoes, and cook over medium heat 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in reserved chicken broth, wine and remaining ingredients and bring to a boil.

Partially cover tomato mixture, reduce hear and simmer 30 min-attes. Add the shredded chicken. cook 15 minutes or until morough ly heated. Ladle goniash into some bowls and sprinkle with crumbled. goose breast. (Serves 8.)

VEAL PAPRIKASH

You can make this dish ahead Boned sirioin steak can be substi-

l Tosp. margarine, divided cooking spray

1 kg. lean yeal tip round roast

cut into 2.5 cm. pièces I/1 cups sliced carrot 1 cup sliced onion . garlic clove, minced 1/2 caip all-purpose flour 1 Tosp. paprika

√₂ tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper cup low-self chicken broth cup fat-free beef broth 1/2 cup dry white wine

1/2 cup low-fat sour cream 544 cups hot, cooked medium egg noodles chopped parsley (optional)

Melt I tsp. margarine in a Durch oven coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add weak cook 5 minutes, browning on all sides. Remove meat from pan, Sets.

der, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaves. Remove from heat and sur in sour orean. Cook over

low heat 5 minutes or until thorongbly heated.
Serve over moodles; garnish with parsley if desired. (Serves 7.)

KETTIE GOULASH

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11/2 cure vertically sliced red

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4 cup witer

1 Then fresh lemon juice

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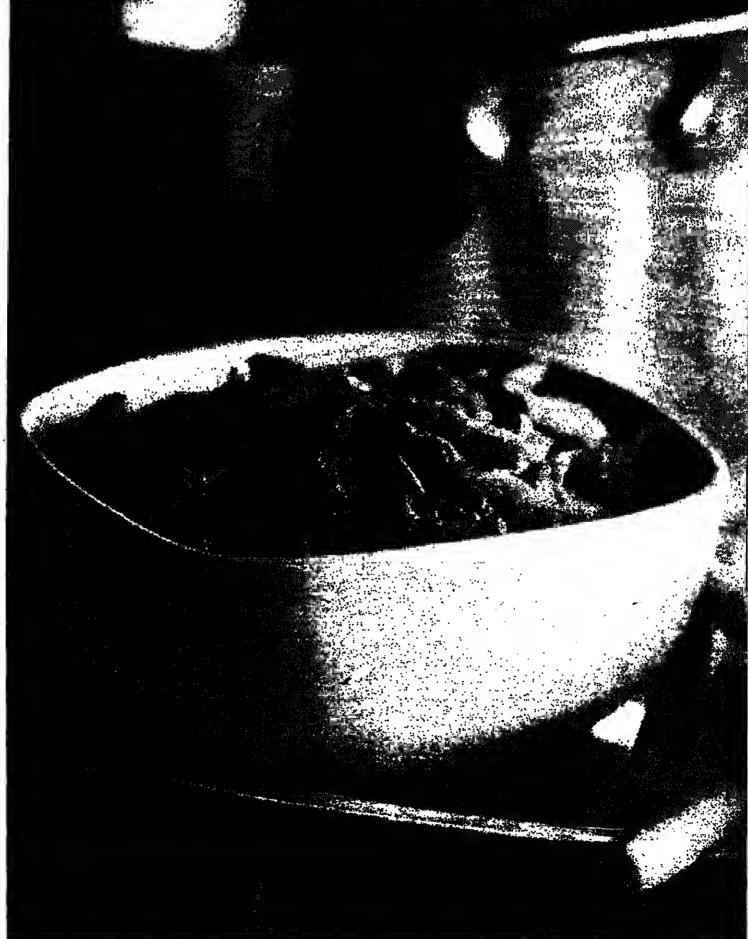
Heat I a Dutch oven over over medium heat. Add carrot, a first in heat. Add beef, onion, and garlic; same 10 min.

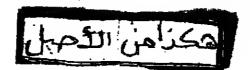
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broths wine and bay leaves stir 1 6 m. pan; stir in potato well.

Return meat to pan and bring to and terraturing ingredients: Bring a boil. Cover, reduce heat and to a boil; cover, reduce heat and similar for 10 hours or until ten summer for 10 hours or until ten

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McCoy (shown here), you might try the Abu-Kayak bungee swing. It allows you to glide back and forth over the picturesque

Room to breathe

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro

around this time of year that

True, the inlet that forms one

of the most beautiful beaches in

Israel is too cold for all but the

most intrepid swimmers, but to

get to the sea you doo't have to

make your way through the

bodies lined up like a tin of oiled sardines. Instead, you can

have the place almost all to yourself, with only the occa-

sional wedding couple being led

by their photographer, like a

pair of trained poodles on a

For those wbo are not familiar

with it, Achziv occupies a

promontory overlooking the

sea, just off the Nahariya-Rosh

Hanikra road. It is a site occu-

pied from ancient times, and in

nice, but it's not for every-

Dooe. Now there is an Israeli

invention for those who areo't

Bungee jumping consists of

flinging yourself off a bridge or

platform, sometimes more than 40

meters in the air, with something

resembling a giant rubber band

attached to your feet. During the

quite ready for the big leap.

it starts having some character.

n the summer, Achziv is just another pretty place. It is lived there and produced the special blue dye used for tsitsit,

the fringes of the garments. The most impressive landmark today is the remains of a Crusader castle. The massive stone roof is supported by four square stone pillars, with arches at the top. Nearby is a mosque, which was used by the residents of the Arab village before they fled to Lebanon in 1948.

These structures form the focus of a national park, which occupies the peak of the hill. Here there are shade trees, palms, manicured lawns and picnic tables. On Shabbat, in the summer, the park is jammed with visitors. These days, you're virtually on your own.

To the south is the Club Med resort, situated on a long stretch

A baby bungee

on the Jordan

ungee jumping may be way and badly injured one side of elastic ropes on each side. The

Abu-Kayak, an attraction on

the Jordan River, bas come up

with a less daring alternative - an

invention called the bungee

12 meters high, with a pulley

arrangement and two sets of rub-

ber band-like attachments. First

you are strapped into the kind of

harness used by mountain

climbers. Then you are attached to

The swing consists of a frame,

her face.

years the resort has been closed much of the time, even during the high season, because of katyusha attacks from Lebanon. There are rumors that the giant French-owned resort chain wants to pull out of the Achziv locacco, although Hamutal

that it iotends to do so. Perhaps the most picturesque part of Achziv is to the north of the national park where Eli Avivi, a rugged individualist, has established what he calls his private state,

"Achzivland." For the casual visitor, the most remarkable part of Achzivland is the museum, a collection of antiquities and flotsam and jetsam, along with

the second century CE, Jews of beach. During the past few the occasional work of art executed by one of Avivi's many visitors. Some of the items on display were no doubt considered old junk when Avivi collected then 30 or 40 years ago. Today, they are fast becoming collectors' items. There is also a hostel with a Ansky, spokesperson of Club

in Achziv

tower, from which you can get a Med in Israel, says the head magnificeot view of the sea and the coastline. Although many of office has giveo oo indication Avivi's guests are youngsters in search of adventure, he also has a coterie of friends, admirers and guests who are a significant part of the Israeli establishment.

Officially, both Club Med and Achzivland are part of the national park. Avivi, who appears old and tired, says he would like to give his section back to the National Parks Authority, on condition that it maintain his museum. But what he really wants to see is a national park that would incorporate all three sites, extending along all of this part of the coastline. It is, he says, too beautiful to be kept in private hands.

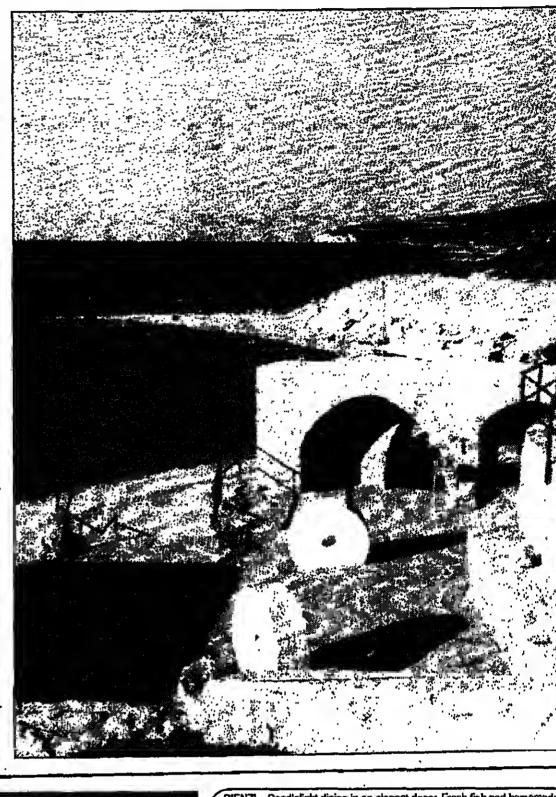
The national park is opeo, this time of year, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is NIS 10, and NIS 5 the rest of the year. Achzivland is open sporadically, when Avivi is around. Although most of his hostel rooms are available only in the summer, he has a few that are suitable for the wioter months. For information, call (050) 798-034.

(Left) The remains of a cru-

sader castle form the focus of a national park and are Achziv's most impressive landmark today:

(right) this inlet is part of a long stretch of coast considered to be among Israel's most beautiful beaches.

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Where to eat in Israel

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latest attraction there. The site,

which straddles the Galilee and

the Golan, provides kayaks, rafts and inner tubes for coasting

down the river. When we tried a

kayak some weeks ago, the river

was fairly calm, with only a few rapids. It wasn't the most exciting trip, but it was pure pleasure

to go down the tranquil river,

with the greenery growing low oo either side and the birds singing and flying overhead.

Don't doze off just yet. With

the advent of the winter rains, the

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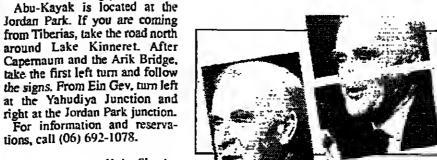
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'Casper,' the best known ghost captured on film.

Haunting images

By DAVID BRAUNER

The old adage "a pieture is worth a thousand words" could oot be more applicable than in the field of psychic or spirit photography. Believe it or not, there are thousands of people out there snapping insubstantial natural occurrences. What's more, photographers have been capturing ghosts and spirits on film for over a century.

In the first recorded instance, in 1861, William Mumbler of Boston. Massachusetts, focused his camera on an empty chair to take a self-portrait. He uncapped the lens and jumped into position. On processing the plate, Mumbler found the image of a little girl sitting on his knee. He claimed that she was a relative who had died 12 years earlier.

Mumbler carried out many further experiments in psychic photography with a rather high degree of success. Eventually, the "extras" in his photography were discovered to be living people. Thus the first professional "spirit photogra-pher" also became the first photographer accused of fraud and was jailed for his crimes. He died in poverty in 1884.

Though the area of spirit pbotography has seen plenty of hoaxes and photographic trickery, there have also been many serious researchers and investigators. Both the American and British societies for psychical research have investigated thousands of photographic images, and in many eases the jury is still out. Apart from intentional fakes, many photographs of psychie eveots are rejected as honest accidents of double exposure, light leaks, lens flare and processing chemistry.

For any photographer who thinks

be's seen and done it all, there is a real eballenge in taking pictures of ghosts, spirits, apparitions, phan-toms, angels and demons. Today's ghost bunters use more up-to-date terms like "ectoplasmie phenome-

na" and "paranormal anomalies."

The psychie photographer's first problem is to find unseen or barely visible "hovering orbs" and "vortex phenomena." The simplest way is to go to places that spirits are likely to inhabit such as cemeteries, battlefields, and allegedly haunted houses. As one photographer put it, "I went to the creepiest part of the Old Biloxi [Mississippi] eemetery. I photographed areas where the trees and shrubs formed more or less uniform backgrounds near where I could feel ehills and spooky feelings." Cold spots, which the photographer can sense as he walks around, are said to be indicative of psychic anomalies, They appear in pictures as "gray fuzzy spots," "white blobs," or "amorphous globes."

High-tech devices for locating cold spots and thus ghostly pbenomena include "thermal scanners" and "infra-red non-contact thermometer detectors." The ghost hunter points a pistol-like thermal scanner at a likely spot, pulls the trigger, and an LCD, displays the temperature reading of the air. Such instrumentation is capable of pinpointing temperature drops from the ambient temperature and detecting magnetic fields.

Black and white 400 ASA film is the recommended stock because it is slightly sensitive to light just above and below the visual range of the human eye - i.e., low ultraviolet (UV) and high infra-red, respectively.

Two avid ghost researchers, Dave Oester and Sharon Gill, cofounders of the International Ghost Hunters Society (IGHS), described a recent visit to the Kings Valley cemetery in a recent newsletter. Local lore suggests that massacred American Indians were buried in a separate section of unmarked graves, known as the Lost Ones. Photographs from their visit show "an ectoplasmie mist that surrounded us." In one photo, they said, [the mist] "appears to he

forming the shape of a person." You do not have to be a photographer to find ghosts in pictures. In another IGHS newsletter, Patrick Kendall of Orem, Utah, found "real ghostly anomalies" in three photos in a family album. The pictures were taken on Halloween.

According to Tom Eleven of the Science of the Paranormal Internet site, "most ghost images will show up as a gray misty area or slight distortion field around the "ghost." This demonstrates that the ghost appears to be generating a "zone of influence" where it is attempting to appear." To see bundreds of ghostly images, visit Tom's site at www.geocities.com/Area51/Caver n/9912/index.htm and Dave and Sharon's IGHS site with 700 ghostly pictures at http://www.ghostweb.com. Or e-mail them at ghostweb @ghostweb.com

On the more earthly plane, the First Israel International Saloo of Photography, sponsored by the Israel Photographie Art Society and the Rishon Lezioo Municipality, is inviting all photographers to participate in its competitioo. Prizes are gold, silver and brooze medals. Photographs will be exhibited and catalogued. Closing date for eotries is March 1, 1998. Entry forms are available from Dejan Dizdar, 50 Eshkolei Paz Št., Ashkelon 78765. E-mail: uhh03@tiv.iec.co.il







Believe it or not: Photos sent by amateur ghost-busters to a Web site showcasing over 700 spooky snapshots of 'paranormal anomalies' and 'ectoplasmic phenomena.'

Bridge

Postmortem ara., sis is half the lun

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

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ometimes people enjoy the game more in the postmortem discussions than at the table. Of course, people analyze bridge bands in different

From my travels, I've found that one of the delightful things about bridge is the way various cultures bring their particular styles to the game, be it at the table or later. For example, you'll find in general that American and English players are careful hidders and polite to their partners and opponents at the end of a hand, though Americans are more expressive and excitable when things go wrong.

Players from China tend to play fast and keep a poker face, and they don't discuss the hand - they go about their business dealing the cards for the next hand as soon as

Russians seem to move the cards with the same intensity as they would chess pieces and, after the deal, they are equally intense (and positive) in their analysis.

The French, well, they can snap at

each other even in the middle of the hand, but afterward, they conduct themselves in a bon vivant manner. As for Israeli bridge players, they seem to think that you need only 23 or 24 points for game (not 25 or 26), and they like to determine the correct bid and play after looking at all four

hands (i.e., they are not theorists). Perhaps the friendliest bridge players on earth are from Australia. them a pint of beer and they'll be happy, regardless of the outcome of the hand. But they do like in talk bridge, and bridge journalists from Down Under seem to capture this

happy spirit in their writing.

Recently I spotted the story of today's deal, which took place in the Double Bay Bridge Center of Sydney, and was told to journalist Dick Cummings by one of the players, whose name is Tom Kiss (see, even their names are friendly!). As an aside, KISS is also an acronym for a popular style of partnership play called: Keep It Simple, Stupid! The game was matchpoints (or Top-Bottom, the popular term in Israel), and South began with a one-spade opening hid. West overcalled three clubs, North tried three diamonds, and South, pleased with his nice diamond holding, jumped to four spades. Perhaps East should have mentioned his heart suit along the way, and the fact that he remained sileot took its toll in the cardplay.

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West led the king of clubs, taken by the ace in dummy. Declarer led a trump to his queen, and West took the king. Looking at all four hands, we can see that the defenders can take three more tricks: a high elub and the ace-king of hearts. But remember, each player was looking only at his hand and dummy. West cashed the queen of clubs and East had to make a discard. What would you have thrown in his position?

He discarded the six of diamonds. His reasoning was that partner might hold six clubs and cash the jack of clubs next. Then he could throw the three of diamonds and his partner would give him a diamond ruff. The error in this analysis is that partner should lead the jack of clubs on the second club play, if he started with six of them, to tell partner he'll be cashing the queen as well.

At the table, after East threw the six of diamonds, West continued

clubs (oot realizing his partner had the ace of hearts) and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and claimed the rest of the tricks. The ace-king of hearts went to bed, as they say.

Many of the expert players at the

Double Bay Bridge Center discussed the deal (over a pint?) later
that evening, and though the consensus was that the nine of hearts was the right signal by East, a more interesting defense would have been for West to duck the first round of trumps. That is, when declarer leads a trump to the queen, West follows. with the seven. Now declarer will think the king of spades is with East, and he'll return to dummy with a diamond and take a second spade finesse. West will win the king, cash Some say you need only to give a high elub, as East discards his second diamond, and give East a dia-mond ruff. Next comes the ace-king of hearts, for down two. What fun! Manhew Granovener can be reached at gran@netvision_net.il

In the dog house

By NIGEL SHORT

t was with a view to solving the vexing perennial problem of how to play against Garry Kasparov that I took a stroll in the cool night air on the eve of our last round game in Novgorod this week. I had hoped that the gently flowing river Volkhov, or the tranquility of the nearby 13th-century monastery, might be the perfect backdrop for providing the answer

to this question. Instead, I was set upon by a very large and overly intimate dog who appeared oot to have been fed entirely to its satisfaction. When I eventually emerged from hospital, bandaged and hleeding, in the early bours of the morning, I had failed to refute the Sieilian Defense and had only succeeded in contemplating the lamentable state of hygiene in Russian medical institutions (the tournament director amused herself hy killing cockroaches while we waited

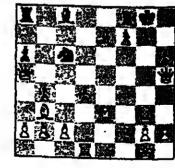
I reflected that it was just as well that I was playing ebess and not termis, because at least I could still "serve" left-handed. Here was the

White: Short Black: Kasparov

Novgorod, 1997 Le4 c52. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd 4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6. This position appeared in no less than eight of our 1993 World Championship games. 7. 0-0 Be7 8. Bb3 0-0 9. 14 b5 10. e5 dxe5 11. fixe5 Nfd7 12. Be3. Sacrificing the e-pawn to accelerate white's lead in development. Nonetheless black's position is sufficiently solid to withstand the attack, 12. ...Nxe5 13. Qh5 Nbc6 14. Nxc6 Nxc6 15. Rt3 b4!? Immensely provocative. Black blithely

ignores the ominous huild-up. 16. Rh3 h6 17. RdL Bringing up the reserves. It appears that white can win with the direct 17. Bxh6 but after g6! mate is prevented. 17. ...Qa5 18. Nd5! exd5 19. Rg3 d4!

Black: (Kasparov)



White: (Short) to play 20. Bd5!? There were oumerous other possibilities, none of which, however, were sufficient for victory. For example 20. Rxg7+ Kxg7 21. Bxh6+ Kh7 22. Bg5+ (22. Bd5!? is also interesting but after 22. ...Qxd5! 23. Qxd5 Kxh6 24. Qxc6+ Be6 hlack defends successfully) 22...Kg8 23. Qg6+ Kh8 24. Qh6+ leads to perpetual check; and finally the optically crushing 20. Qg6 Qe5 21. Bxh6 Bf6 22. Rf1 Be6 23. Qxf6 Qxg3!! leads only in white's defeat. Qxg3!! leads only to white's defeat.
20. _Bg5! The only move. 20. _dxe3? 21. Qxh6 forces mate shortly. 21. Bxg5 Qxd5 22. Bf6! An echo of the combinative theme from the famous game Torre-Lasker in Moscow, 1925. Afterward, Garry described himself as a lucky Lasker" as here white has no more than a draw. 22. Qxh5 23. Rxg7+ Kh8 24. Rg6+ Kh7 25. Rg7+ with a draw by perpetual check. A brief game but with a lot of punch!

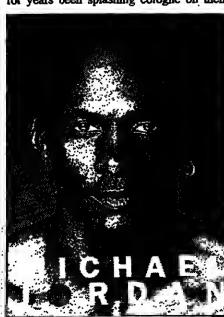
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Male scents and sensibility

n the good old days when men were rough and tough, sweat was eonsidered Leto be the most macho of manly odors. No wonder women swooned so easily. The stench was enough to make anyone pass out at a distance of 20 paces, let alone in a romantic embrace.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

But to be fair, a certain class of men have for years been splashing cologne on their



necks and faces to create a more pleasant olfactory impression.

The only problem is that oo matter what name fragrance manufacturers give to scents produced pour homme, most of them smell too much alike.

They don't seem to bave the pro-

nounced differences that characterize perfumes for women.

Be that as it may, many brands aimed at the male of the species are selling extraordinarily well and reaping tens of millions of dollars for the firms that have developed and promoted them. Most men these days use deodor-

ant, after shave, and/or eau de toilette as naturally as they use toothpaste. It's become part of the personal hygiene ritual. That being the case, it's also become part of the new norm in

gift-giving. Women can buy fra-grances for the men in their lives just as men have been buying fragrances for women. It's hard to tell what it is exactly that makes a scent "male" rather than "female." For instance, Latitude, from the bouse of Olivier de Kersauson, Paris, contains Guinean orange, Indian san-dalwood, Sri Lankan cardamon, Egyptian geranium and bayberry from Saint-Thomas, all of which are common ingredients in female-oriented fragrances hut presumably in different

quantities, and perhaps with a dash more alcohol. The end result is a slightly sweet tang with a hint of spice. Available in handsome silver flasks, it retails for NIS 99 for 75 ml.

and NIS 149 for 150 ml. Getting a lot of attention worldwide is another Parisian hrand, Legendary Harley-Davidson, named after the famous American motorcycles which have been around since 1903. Here, it's not just the fragrance but the image of

strength, endurance, adventure and excitement that Harley-Davidson conveys. There was little doubt that this was a brand destined to succeed, but before launching it on the Israeli market, L'Oreal of Paris

ran a local survey which, if nothing else, indicates that Israeli men are among the cleanest in the world. According to the survey, 96 percent of Israeli men shower at least once a day. In addition, \$1% use after shave

and/or eau de toilette, and 41% have been using fragrances since their mid-teens. But the most interesting finding of the survey was with regard to sex appeal. Only 52% of Israeli women consider a pleasing male perfume to be sexually appealing which says a lot for sweat.

Initially exuding a strong, spicy tang, Legeodary Harley-Davidson, once it settles down, becomes much more subtle, though with long staying power. Pricewise, it's very attractive at NIS 99.90 for 100 ml. and NIS 69.90 for 50 ml.

Fame and glory are also fac-tors in the success story of Michael Jordan Cologne, designed and distributed by Bijan Fragrances of Beverly Hills, California. The topnotch American basketball player has not only given his name to this elusive, yet clean and fresh-smelling fragrance but was also involved in selecting the final aroma, the design logo and the packaging. Targeted at the teens to mid-30s market, it sells for

NIS 199 for 100 ml. and NIS 139 for 50 ml. Now that it's okay for men to be earing and emotional, the Paris-based Perfumer's Workshop has eome oot with Samha Natural Man Eau de Toilette, aimed exclusively at the Renaissance man who is both



strong and sensitive. Very fresh, with faint overtones of fruitiness, woods, spices and delicate blossoms, it exudes a slightly soapy smell. NIS 129 will get you a 100

For more sophisticated tastes, Princess Marina de Bourbon's Eau de Toilene Pour Homme has a dominant aroma of musk, with geranium, amber, jasmine and pineapple lingering just below the surface. It bas that extra but undefinable aura of class. A 100 ml. hottle eosts NTS 198 and 50 ml. NIS 139.

As previously mentioned on this page, men's fragrances are usually far less eostly, and can be worn by women for daytime use. Less overwhelming and not as seductive as fragrances ereated for women, they're not distracting and enable those women who must wear a fragrance to go about their business without fear of sexist comments about their "femme fatale" perfume.

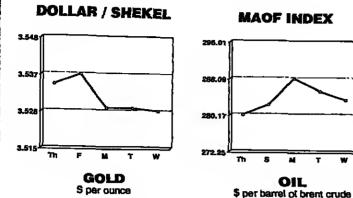
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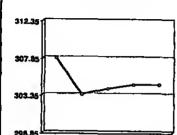
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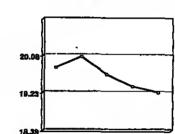
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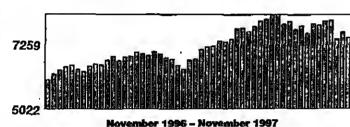




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Tadiran Electronics wins \$120m. contract from Swiss military By STEVE RODAN and DAN GERSTENFELD

Tadiran Electronic Systems has won a \$120 million contract for the supply of command, control, communication and intelligence systems to the Swiss army, the company yesterday said.

Industry sources said the deal is the largest ever made by an Israelbased, private defense contractor with a foreign military.

Tadiran executives called the contract a milestone and said it represented a significant entry into the Swiss market. They said the deal may attract interest from other European armies as the Swiss are regarded as having one of the most advanced armies on the continent. Called C3I, the Tadiran system is

meant to provide the Swiss army's artillery division with real-time battlefield information on the deployment of friendly and enemy forces. The system comprises several portable computers and military work stations that incorporate information technology to channel data via radio or wire. Executives said the system would increase fire accuracy and save ammunition.

Tadiran chief executive officer Yisrael Zamir said the company is awaiting other contracts in Switzerland because the C31 system could be used for purposes other than artillery. He said the system is regarded as the most advanced in the world.

Tadiran's vice president for marketing Jacob Stern agreed. "We have signed other deals in the past but none was on such a large scale," he said. "I am sure that getting their recognition shows that



Swiss soldiers test C3I, the command, control, communication and intelligence system that the Swiss Army is buying from Tadiran Electronic Systems.

the system has great potential." The company competed for the contract with defense firms from Britain, France and Germany. The leading competitors, European defense sources said, were Thomson-CSF in Paris and GEC-Marconi in Stanmore, England. The Tadiran award was granted by the Swiss Defense Ministry but

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News reported that a takeover was

First Union's offer is a 17.2 per-

cent premium to CoreStates' stock

price, based on vesterday's clos-

ing prices. Still, the offer is less

than the \$88 a share Mellon Bank

Corp. bid for CoreStates last

takeover bid. Mellon withdrew

CoreStates rebuffed

the bid last month.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Washington DC.

Union shares.

in the works.

requires parliamentary approval. At a speech at the signing of the contract in Berne on Tuesday, Zamir said, "this agreement, being signed between institutions and people, contributes vastly to the tightening of the business, technological and cultural ties between the Israeli and Swiss people."

Tadiran has completed a pilot

First Union, with assets of \$144

billion, has been among the lead-

ers in huying rivals. First Union

and CoreStates are merging as

banks acquire each other at a

record pace to boost profits and

able," CoreStates Chairman

fy how they were going to cut costs or how many jobs would be

First Union, however, expects to

add 3,000 new jobs in Philadelphia, which will be the

new headquarters for the bank's

corporate lending business. That's

where CoreStates is based. First

Union expects after-tax restruc-

turing charges of \$795 million in

the second quarter of 1998. It

plans to complete the transaction

First Union plans to sell branch-

es in 1998, and expects to realize

Terrence Larsen said.

"Together, we will be unbeat-

The companies wouldn't speci-

project of its C3I systems, installing it in the artillery school of the Swiss army and then in the artillery division. The system was also tested for two years under battlefield conditions.

Last month, Tadiran received a \$20 million contract to provide the IDF with electronic warfare sys-

Other private companies, such as Elbit Systems Ltd., have won larger contracts, but only as consortium leaders.

Tadiran Electronic Systems became an independent company in January as part of a reorganization plan at Tadiran. The new company has 350 employees and boasts annual sales of \$67 million.

Leumi, Coutts ink cooperation deal

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Bank Leumi and London-based Courts Bank yesterday signed an agreement under which both banks will cooperate in the field of private

Coutts is a subsidiary of National Westminster Bank (NatWest Group) and is the largest private banking organization in the world. It has 40 offices in 16 countries and its assets total \$50

> By DANIEL DUNAIEF and DYLAN RATIGAN

First Union Corp. agreed to buy

CoreStates Financial Corp. for

more than \$16.1 billion in stock in

the higgest US hank takeover

First Union, the US' sixth-

largest bank, will pay 1.62 of its

shares for each CoreStates share.

That values CoreStates at \$81.41

a share, based on Tuesday's clos-

The combined company will

Cost of for tender

VAT (non-refundable)

have \$204b. in assets and 2,766

offices in 12 states along the

ing prices.

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agreement the bank would be able to provide its clients with additional expertise in asset management and consultation in the management of financial investments.

The agreement was signed in London by Leumi CEO Galia Maor and Coutts CEO Glyn

The agreement is an excellent opportunity for strengthening husiness connections with Israel, nes said, adding that it will allow Coutts to act

First Union, CoreStates in largest US bank takeover

cut costs.

in April.

Charlotte, North Carolina-based after-tax gains of \$44 million. The

In a statement, Bank Leumi said that under the in the area of advanced finance services here. Maor said that she sees the agreement as an extra opportunity to provide the bank's international private clients with management services of the highest quality.

Cedric Olivestone, senior vice president of Bank Leumi's international division, said that Coutts can lend expertise to Bank Leumi in private banking. The hanks also intend to cooperating in opening mutual funds that will invest in

First Union said.

will keep his titles.

acquisition will add to earnings

per share within 18 months, the

First Union's bid values

CoreStates at about 5.17 times

book value, or assets minus liabil-

Banks paid an average 2.2 times

book value in acquisitions this year, according to SNL Securities.

The purchase is structured as a

tax-free pooling of interests. First

Union Chairman and Chief

Executive Edward Crutchfield

Larsen will become vice chair-

man. Larsen will have direct lead-

ership of the combined company's

corporate banking business, which lends money to specialized

industry groups and large corpo-

rations; raises capital through

investment banking and offers

merchant banking, leasing, inter-

national finance, money manage-

CoreStates has about 570

offices in Pennsylvania, Delaware

and New Jersey. With about \$48

hillion of assets, the company

ranks third in terms of deposits in

Pennsylvania and sixth in New

Jersey, according to Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. (Agencies)

ment and other services.

Treasury to mayors: Don't overdo rate hike

By DAVID HARRIS

Local authorities that irresponsihly raise municipal property taxes (arnona) will have to explain their actions to the public, said State Budget Director David Milgrom, just two-days after he successfully persuaded the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a 13.9 percent increase in the tax.

The Union of Local Authorities in Israel (ULAI) yesterday launched a bitter attack on Milgrom and the Finance Ministry's arnona policy.

"The Treasury pressures the local authorities to raise the amona and immediately thereafter declares that it is opposed to exactly that,"

read a statement from the ULAL The row follows three weeks of changes in proposals from the Treasury, Interior Ministry, and MKs from a variety of parties that

led to the 13.9% increase. Originally the ministries asked the MKs to approve an 8.9% tax hike, in line with the increase in the consumer price index to September. Last week the ministries returned to the committee requesting an 18.9% increase, but after a series of debates the committee approved a compromise 13.9%, plus a 2% increase for anyone paying the minimum tax rate. The initial 8.9% and 2% must be

imposed, but the additional 5% is at the discretion of individual local councils. The tax increase is applicable to residential and business properties alike. The vast majority of municipalities will only increase the tax by 8.9%, according to Milgrom. The need for each local authority to pre-

sent accounts to its residents will persuade authorities to implement efficiency measures that will cut costs, he added. The need for balanced books is seen as particularly important in 1998, which is an election year in the municipalities. Milgrom also said that any

municipality that does not effectively manage its budget and shows excessive debts will not be entitled to special help from central govern-

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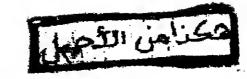
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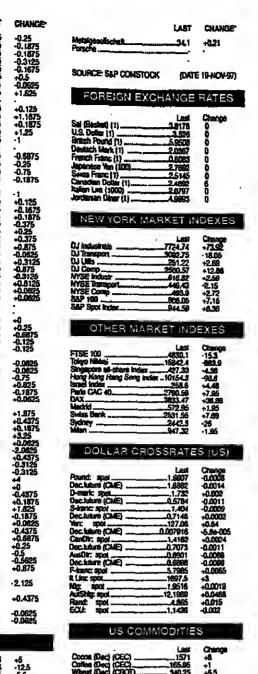
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Japan stocks post biggest fall since '95

Asia

Japan's main stock index plunged 5.3 percent - its biggest drop since the Kobe earthquake of January 1995 - amid concern the government isn't ready to spend moncy to belp financial institutioos and stimulate the torpid

Japan's finance minister has told the parliament the government won't use pension and postal savings funds to boost the economy. The remarks came a day after Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said he is considering using the funds to rev up growth, then hacktracked on the statement. according to Japan's Jiji Press.

With Japanese banks under enormous pressure at home and overseas, the government's flip-flops alarmed investors. The domestic economy has stalled and bad loans are piling up as bankruptcies soar and borrowing costs rise.

The environment is hostile and difficult and dangerous," said Peter Whelpton, president of NatWest Gartmore Investment Management Japan Ltd., which manages about \$3 billion in Japanese equities.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index fell \$84.11 points to 15,842.46. It was the index's biggest percentage decline since January 23, 1995, six days after the quake that killed more than 5,000 people in the port city of Kobe.

the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell as much as 58.43 points, or 4.6%, to 1221.60. More than 20 stocks fell for each that rose on the first section.

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks fell yesterday as investors focusing on declining Asian markets expected US stocks - and Israeli companies traded in the US - to fall as well.

Tadiran Ltd., a telecommunications and defense systems compaand Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. were exceptions. Tadiran soared 5 percent after a subsidiary said it won a contract worth \$120 million to supply electronic systems to the Swiss army. Makhteshim jumped 3.75% after it said third-quarter net income tripled as chemical sales in Latin America rose, particularly sales of herbicides and fungicides.

0.72% to 283.36. The Mishtanim Index fell 0.52% to 274.85. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index fell 0.24% to 93.75. Israeli investors are "trying to anticipate what the US is going to do, instead of reacting, as they used to," said Jonathan Half, vice

The Maof Index of 25 stocks fell

president at the Tel Aviv office of Oscar Gruss Ltd. Europe

UK stocks closed mixed as



Maof 283.36 ¥ 0,72% Dow Jones 7724 ▲ 0.97% FTSE 4830:1 ▼ 0.32% Nikkei 15842.46 ▼ 5.29%.

falling Asian markets and growing concern that UK interest rates could rise soon countered the gains sparked after Merrill Lynch Co. agreed to take over Mercury Asset Management Plc. Companies that rely on Hong

Kong for a large portion of their profits, such as HSBC Holdings Plc, fell. Food retailers plummeted after Safeway Plc released lowerthan-expected earnings. The FTSE 100 Index of Britain's

largest companies fell 44.9 points. or 0.93 perceot, to 4800.5 with Safeway suffering the steepest

The presence of companies like HSBC Holdings and Standard Chartered makes the UK more susceptible than the rest of Europe to falls io Hong Koog," said

Rupert Thompson, group economist for Henderson Investors. which runs about 12 billion pounds (\$20b.) in assets worldwide. "And clearly the retail sales figures are reheating expectations that rates will have to go higher." HSBC, which owns Hong Kong Bank, fell 15p to 1,435, Standard

Chartered fell 5p to 643 and Cable & Wireless Plc fell 2p to 509. Banks also helped drive the FTSE 100 Index lower, eveo as Mercury Asset Management Group Pic and other fund managers soared after Merrill Lynch & Co. offered to buy Mercury for

1,700 pence a share. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip stocks rose yesterday as a sharp setback in Japan spurred another exodus into the US bond market, where interest rates fell to their lowest level in nearly two years.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 73.92 points to 7,724.74, its best finish since just before it tumbled 554 points on October 27, a session that began at 7,715.41. Broad-market indicators were

mixed, but none were pummeled by the latest outbreak of turmoil on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, where the main index plunged 5.3 percent after the Japanese prime minister said oo tax money will be used to support Japan's troubled banking system.

Tokyo shares had rallied on

Monday and Tuesday after the Japanese central bank pledged to protect depositors at a failed bank, spuring bopes that the government would do more to aid Japan's many troubled financial institutions.

US stocks drew some streogth from the bond market, where long-term interest rates continued to flirt with the first move below

6% since January 1996. Bonds, which have rallied in recent weeks as investors seek safer alternative to the volatile stock markets around the world, rose yesterday despite a report that normally might have dampened

the mood with inflation jitters. The Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments unexpectedly rose in October, fanning worries about whether the economic pace can remain moderate enough

to keep inflation under control. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 10-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,533 up, 1,416 down and

510 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 537.05 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 520.50 million in the previous session. The Standard and Poor's 500stock list rose 6.36 to 944.59, the NYSE composite index rose 2.72 to 493.90, and the Nasdaq compos-

ite index rose 0.77 to 1.601.21. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.44 to 430.69. and the small-company dominated American Stock Exchange composite index fell 3.36 to 667.85.

Yen falls to 6-month low as stocks plunge

CURRENCIES

The dollar surged to a six-month high against the yen yesterday, as vanishing bope that Japan would bail out its beleaguered banks sent Tokyo stocks into a milspin.

Japanese shares suffered their biggest one-drop decline in almost three years after Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka dashed speculation the government would use public money to prop up the nation's banks.

"It looks like the government is reluctant to provide leadership and incentive on belping banks," said Jeffrey Yu, senior currency trader at Sanwa Bank.

"That's why the dollar is up at

these levels." The dollar rose more than a yen, to 127.34 yen from 126.13 on Tuesday. Earlier it rose as high as

127.47, just shy of the 4 1/2-year

high it reached May 1. The US currency could rise as high as 130 yen in the next two weeks, Yu said.

The dollar also rose to 1.7327 marks from 1.7296 marks. Those gains came as reports showed slowing money supply growth and ebbing business confidence in Germany, quelling speculation that German interest rates may soon head higher. Bundesbank officials on Mark 2.0367 # 0.18% Sterling 5.9508 7 0.36%

Tuesday gave conflicting signals on whether they might raise inter-

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 \$263 billion to countries in the stock index plunged 5.3 percent, paring recent gains.

The index surged earlier this week on talk the ruling Liberal Democratic Party was considering using funds from governmentlinked pension and postal savings funds to buy preferred stock in Japanese banks.

Banks are staggering under the weight of billions of dollars in bad loans, falling stock prices, and rising borrowing costs.

Those problems are compounded by economic malaise in other parts of Asia.

Japanese banks have lent about

region, according to the Bank for International Settlements. To be sure, some traders are wary of pushing up the dollar too far too fast, amid concern that Japanese officials might sell the US currency to slacken its pace.

Officials from the US and Japan said this week they're displeased with the yen's weakness.

"A lot of people are heeding the comments of these officials, lonking for intervention or serious jawbooing," said Alfooso Alejo, senior proprietary trader at Sakura Bank Ltd.

(Bloomberg)

Copper rises amid robust demand

Precious metals

Gold prices were little changed yesterday. Global gold demand was the highest ever for the third quarter, rising 6 percent to 705.3 metric toos, the World Gold Council said in a quarterly report

Even so, southeast Asian demand fell 77% to 17.4 tons. Demand in India, the world's largest gold consumer, offset the southeast Asian slump as Indian demand for gold rose 58% to a record 189.8 tons.

Gold fell 40 cents to \$305.55 an

Platinum rose for a third day as Johnson Matthey Pic, the world's

US bonds rose yesterday, driving yields to the lowest in 21

months, after declines in Asian

financial markets raised the allure

of Treasuries as a refuge from tur-

"Treasuries remain the most

moil in world financial markets.

attractive securities worldwide.

said Neil DeSamo, co-head of

government bond trading at CIBC

The benchmark 30-year

Treasury bond rose 15/32, or

Oppenheimer Corp.

largest marketer of platinum, said oo Tuesday that demand for the precious metal is set to exceed supply this year and next. Analysts and traders said Johnson Matthey's demand estimates were higher than expected.

Spot platinum rose \$3.50 to \$398 an ounce and spot palladium rose \$2 to \$211 an ounce.

Crude oil prices in London were little changed as a four-industry report showed a gain in US crude oil supplies as the US continued to

earthquake of January 1995.

Japanese stocks tumbled on a

report that Prime Minister Ryutaro

Hashimoto denied he's consider-

ing the use of government money

to help bolster the economy.

Speculation that Japan would sell

some of is holdings of US

Treasury bonds to fund such a

plan had weighed on bond prices

The stock declines also bol-

stered the US currency against the

in recent days.

build its forces in the Persian Gulf, raising tensions there. The 1.3 percent gain in crude oil

COMMODITIES



supplies in the US could limit demand for North Sea crudes after imports from Europe and Africa

soared last week. January Brent rose 2 cents to \$19.24 a barrel on Loodon's

International Petroleum Exchange.

Others

Copper rose 0.4 percent, after posting its biggest one-day fail in almost four months, amid robust demand from pipe and wire makers in the US, the world's largest economy. The US Commerce Department said housing construction increased 1.4% last month in the world's largest economy, a sign that copper consumption remains robust. Through its use of pipes and wire, the construction industry accounts for two thirds of all copper consumption. Three-month copper rose \$8 to \$1,906 a ton on the London

Metal Exchange. Aluminum prices were little

changed. Aluminum held in LMEregistered warehouses fell 4,575 metric tons to 699,100 tons, its lowest level in two and a half months, the exchange said in its latest daily warehouse report. While demand for aluminum products such as cars and appliances remaios strong in the US and Europe, an economic slowdown in Japan and the currency crisis in southeast Asia is reducing consumption in the region. The LME's three-month forward aluminum contract fell \$3 to \$1,636 a ton.

Coffee prices were little changed. Coffee for January delivery fell \$2 to \$1.623 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. (Bloomberg)

report proved fleeting as traders

focused on turmoil in Asia's finan-

cial markets and the fact that infla-

key thing moving prices these days," said Patrick Dimick, a gov-

emment bond strategist at UBS

on developments in Korea, after

the government unveiled a plan to

belo boost the nation's sagging

economy. If the measures fail, it

may prompt more iovestors to look

to the safety of Treasuries, traders

said. Asia's troubles raised expec-

tations that demand for US exports

to the region will slow, dragging

on US growth and keeping infla-

(Bloomberg)

Investors are also keeping an eye

US economic news "is not the

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Yields on T-30 bills to 21-month low

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weeks. Helping to bolster prices was a government report showing that prices US businesses paid for imported goods rose by 0.1 percent in October, suggesting that inflation remains in check.

"Import prices were a lot less than expected." said Mark Sauvigne, a bond trader at Chase Securities Inc. "Some people may

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Bonds briefly pared gains after a report showed an unexpected rise in new housing construction last mooth, keeping alive concern inflation may still accelerate.

The Commerce Department said bousing starts climbed 1.4 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted 1.53 million annual rate, compared with the 2.1 percent drop expected by analysts.

"Low mortgages rates, hefty income growth, and good job prospects put people in the frame of mind" to speod, said Kenneth Mayland, chief financial economist at KeyCorp in Cleveland.

Strong economic growth can spur inflation, which erodes the value of bonds fixed payments.

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Devils beat Flames 2-1 for seventh straight win

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ -The New Jersey Devils won their seventh straight game and the 11th straight for goaltender Martin Brodeur by beating the hapless Calgary Flames 2-1 Tuesday

Brodeur had an easy game, making just 11 saves as the Devils outshot the Flames 41-12. The Devils' streak matches the club record they posted to start the 1993-94 season.

New Jersey got goals from Denis Pederson and Doug Gilmour during a second period in which it outshot Calgary 18-2.

Andrew Cassels scored for Calgary, which stretched its winless streak to nine (0-6-3) games. The Flames are the only winless road team (0-7-4) in the NHL. Stretching back to last season, the Flames have not won in their last 15 road contests (0-9-6).

Rangers 3, Panthers 1 In Miami, Pat LaFontaine had a goal and an essist, and Mike Richter made 30 saves as New York beat Florida.

LaFontaine's goal early in the third period - New York's first shot over a stretch of 12:35 proved decisive. Alexei Kovalev made a fine pass to LaFontaine, who in full stride chipped the puck past Mark Fitzpatrick for his teamleading 11th goal.

Johan Lindbom's first career goal and the eighth this season by Niklas Sundstrom rounded out the scoring for the Rangers. Defenseman Robert Svehla had

the lone goal for Florida. Wayne Gretzky, who has 19 points in 17 games, dug the puck out of the boards behind the Florida net and sent the puck to Sundstrom.

Capitals 6, Avalanche 6 Landover, Maryland, Colorado's Claude Lemieux had the seventh three-goal game of his career, but Peter Bondra scored with 5:04 left in regulation to gave Washington the tie.

Lemieux had a hand in the first five Colorado goals, scoring the initial three and assisting on the next two. Peter Forsberg and Valeri Kamensky each had a goal and three assists.

Washington had a four-goal second period and had to rally from four one-goal deficits. Bondra finished with two goals and one assist. Adam Oates had two assists and Chris Simon added a goal and

The Avalanche snapped their long power-play drought, breaking out of an 0-for-28 drought with two man-advantage goals. Sharks 4, Mighty Ducks 2

In San Jose, California, Jeff Friesen and Patrick Marleau scored two goals apiece to lead San Jose over Anaheim. Friesen's goals were his eighth

and ninth of the season. San Jose, tied for 23rd in the 26team NHL before the game with just 13 points, snapped a threegame losing streak. The Sharks are 3-7-1 in their last 11 games. Anaheim has lost its last two

NHL Box Scores

Calgary
New Jaraey
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First Period—None. Second Period—1, New Jersey, Pederson 3 (Zelspukin, Niedermayer), 8:15, 2, New Jersey, Gilmour 5 (Sykora, Niedermayer), 10:12 3, Calgary, Cassels 4 (Fleury), 11:25. Third Period—None. Shots on goal—Calgary 3-2-7—12. New Jersey 13-18-10—41, A—15,092

Colorado 2 2 1 0—6
Washington 1 4 1 0—6
First Penod—1, Washington, Butis 3 (Krygier, Wat), 11:22-2, Colorado, Lenieux 5 (Forsher), Karnensky), 13:38 3, Colorado, Lenieux 6 (Forsher), 15:20. Second. Period—4, Washington, Hunter 3 (Beruba, Housley), 3:12-5, Colorado, Lemieux 7 (Karnensky, Forsherg), 4:23 (pp), 6, Washington, Timord 4 (Oales), 5:03. 7, Colorado, Yelle 8 (Lacrotx, Lamieux), 9:29, 8, 14/anishnyton, Simon 3 (Bondra, Johansson),

11:17.9, Washington, Bondra 13 (Oates, Simon).
19:47 (pp), Thind Period—10, Colorado,
Kamersky, B (Lemteud, 9:34, 11, Colorado,
Korsberg 6 (Saido, Kamersky), 13:13 (pp), 12.
Washington, Bondra 14 (Conovachuk, Cote),
14:56, Overfime—Norte. Shots on goal—
Colorado 13:11:10-8—37. Washington 5-16-81—33.A—16.041

First Period—1. New York, Lindborn 1 (LaFontaine, Lidster), 1:36. Second Period—2. Florida, Svehla 2 (Whitney, Shoppord), 12:13 (hoyalev, Leston), 3:38. 4, New York, Sundstrom 9 (Gratzky, Kroyslev), 8:14 (pp.) Shots on gosi—New York 8:39—20. Florida 11:99—29. A—1703

Anshelm 0 1 1—2
San Jose 2 1 1—4
First Period—1, San Jose, Marleau 2 (Sturm, GB), 13:28 (pp), 2, San Jose, Freesen 6 (Sturm, Ragmarsson), 18:51, Second Period—3, San Jose, Friesen 8 (Nolsn), 14:21 (sh), 4, Anshelm, Rucchin 2 (Karpa, Timel, 14:28 (pp), Third Period—5, San Jose, Marleau 3 (Potomski, McSorley), 6:12, 8, Anshelm, Tod 3 (Times, Rucchin), 10:49 (pp), Shots on goal—Anshelm 3-6-13—22, San Jose 13-10-8—31, A—16,645 EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's results: New Jersey 2, Calgary 1 Colorado 6, Washington 6 N.Y. Rangers 3, Florida 1

Windies pay dearly for dropped catches

Inzamam-ul-Haq, batting with a runner, was dropped five times on his way to an unbeaten 92 as Pakistan tightened their grip on the first Test against West Indies on yesterday. Inzamam missed out on scoring

his first Test century at home when he ran out of partners in a total of 381. West Indies, trailing by 230 runs on first innings, were 99 for two at the close of the third day. Brian Lara blazed 36 in boundaries

and with opener Sherwin Campbell, 34 not out, will spearhead the tourists' attempt to save the match today. Inzamam, whose right toe was crushed twice, once while fielding on the first day and the other when batting on Tuesday which forced his retirement on 13, batted for just under five hours.

second over of the day after Azhar Mahmood (16) had departed with only four runs added to Pakistan's overnight score of 246 for five.

His 191-ball innings included nine fours and two sixes. "If I can score like this when I am injured then maybe it would be preferable to remain onelegged," Inzamam quipped. The generous West Indies fielders dropped him on 5, 32, 35, 86 and 88.

Mushtaq Ahmad's wicket to end the innings gave West Indies captain Courtney Walsh his i 4th five-wicket haul in 94 Tests. Walsh, who took the wickets of Aamir Sohail and Mohammed

Wasim the previous day, added the scalps of Azhar Mahmood, Shahid Nazir and Mushtaq yesterday to finish with five for 78.

Ra'anana win, hope to join Eilat in EuroČup 2nd round

By ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Ra'anana kept their hopes of advancement in the EuroCup basketball competition alive last night after scoring an impressive 84-63 win over Pezinok of Slovakia at home.

It was a do-or-die battle for the Ra'ananans who probably took heart from Hapoel Eilat's 85-79 victory over Honved Budapest in the same competition the previous night. Eilat are certain of advancing to the next stage of the competition together with Stefanel Milan,

whom they meet next week, In the Korac Cup, an 88-83 loss in Cyprus by Hapoel Galil Elyon to Limassol failed to dampen the northerners' resolve, and with their excellent group-leading 5-1 record they will go through to the next stage of the competition.

Maccabi Rishon lost 67-77 to Banco di Roma last night, but the two also advanced to the next stage.

Less successful was the European campaign of Bnei Herzliya, who lost any hope of advancement after they lost 79-74 away to Kapfenberg of Austria last night.

NBA Box Scores 7-15 0-0 14. Strickland 9-15 4-4 24. Murray 4-15 2-2 11. Whoney 1-4 2-2 5, Ham 0-1 0-0 0, Wallace 1-1 1-1 3, Williams 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 3S-

Boston 35 24 32 31—122
Toronto 16 22 35 36—109
BOSTON (122) McCarly 7-11 3-4 18,
Walker 5-13 3-5 14, Krightl 3-4 2-4 8, Brown 810 0-0 18, Billups 5-11 5-5 15, Elison 2-4 0-0 4,
Edney 3-5 4-4 10, Mercer 4-10 3-4 11, Minor 713 3-4 17, DeCleroq 4-7 0-1 8, Barros 0-2 0-0
0. Totats 4-8 0-0 23-31 122.
TOPICNITO (108) Williams 3-11 2-2 9,
Stater 4-8 0-0 8, Tabak 4-10 0-0 8, Christie 6-8
11-11 23, Stoudamire 8-15 9-10 21, Walface 1117 8-10 30, P.Jones 3-7 0-0 5, McGrady 0-0 00, Respert 1-6 2-2 4, Gamer 0-0 0-0 10 Totats
38-80 32-35 109.
Fouled out—Williams, Rebounds—Boston
45 (Walker 10), Toronto 52 (Wallace 12),
Assists—Boston 32 (Billups 8), Toronto 25
(Stoudamire, Respert 6), Total louis—Boston 30, Toronto 27, A—16,345. Wallace 1-1 1-1 3, Williams 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 3S92 15-17 89.

ATLANTA (98) Corbin 3-12 1-2 8, Laettner
9-22 6-8 24, Mutombo 5-15 4-5 14, Smith 2-9 005, Blaylock 10-20 3-3 24, Gray 6-12 4-5 14,
Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Livingston 1-1 5-4 5, Anderson
1-1 0-0 2, Totals 37-95 21-29 98.
Fouled out—Grant, Davis. Rebounds—Washington 56 (Davis 12), Atlanta 67 (Corbin, Laettner, Mutombo 11), Assista—Washington
13 (Strickland 10), Atlanta 12 (Laettner 3), Total fouls—Washington 29, Atlanta 20. A—12,809.

New York 25 17 19 23-84
Houston 26 22 12 35-96
NEW YORK (84) Johnson 1-9 5-7 7.
Ostdey 4-9 2-3 10, Ewing 5-12 2-2 12, Houston 29 0-0 4, Ward 5-6 2-2 14, Startis 6-17 11-13
29, Childra 1-7 0-0 2, Duckey 0-3 0-2 0, Milhs 2-5
2-5, Totals 28-76 24-37 84.
HOUSTON (95) Elle 3-7 3-4 9, Willis 8-15
5-5 17, Ostglywon 10-14 4-4 24, Dreader 3-13 9-10 16, Maloney 4-11 11-13 23, Sultard 0-2 0-0 0, Rhodes 1-4 2-4 4, Price 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Harmigton 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 28-72 34-40 95.
Fouled out-Johnson, Rebounds—New York 54 (Johnson 10), Houston 51 (Willis 9).
Assists—New York 12 (Ward 5), Houston 19
(Dreader 6), Total Sults—New York 31, Houston 25, Technicals—Houston coach Tomyonavich. LA. Clippers 36 20 21 17—94
Ortendo 29 33 29 21—112
LA. CLIPPERS (94) Rogers 5-12 0-0 11,
Vaught 3-6 0-8. Vrankovic 2-6 2-2 6, Barry 917 1-1 21, Martin 2-9 0-0 4, Closs 3-6 2-2 6,
Murray 8-12 2-2 15, Wright 3-6 5-6 11,
Richardson 1-2 0-0 2, Platikowski 5-6 0-1 10,
Taylor D-3 0-0 0, Totals 39-85 12-14 84.
ORLANDO (112) Outbay 5-7 6-9 15, Grant
9-13 1-2 19, Seikaly 9-17 3-5 21, Anderson 1-5
0-0 2, Pros 10-13 0-0 23, Wilson 5-17 5-5 17,
Armstrong 0-4 1-2 1, Strong 4-12 5-6 13, Evans
0-0 0-0 0, Kempton 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 43-89 2128 112.

Detroit 13 16 21 29—79
Milwaukee 14 17 25 31—87
DETROIT (79) G.Hill 3-12 2-8 8, Ratiff 4-4 7-9 15, 6.Williams 11-14 6-9 28, Humter 3-15
2-4 6, Seely 6-16 1-2 13, McNe 0-4 0-0 0, Pollerd 1-1 0-0 2, O'Barnon 0-1 0-0 0, Mahorn 0-0 1-2 1, J.Williams 0-0 0-0 1, Reid 1-1 0-0 2, Long 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 30-69 19-34 79, MiLWAUKEE (87) T.Hail 3-4 5-10 11,

Robinson 7-16 3-4 17, Johnson 2-3 1-2 5, Allen 7-20 5-5 21, Brandon 9-19 3-3 21, Lang 0-2 2-2 2, Gilliam 0-3 4-4 4, Perry 0-4 0-0 0, Corry 2-5 2-2 6, Totals 30-78 25-33 87.
Fouted out—Johnson. Rebounds—Detroit 50 (6,Williams 50), Milweukes 60 (7-Hill 17). Assists—Detroit 20 (G-Hill 8), Milweukes 15 (Robinson 6), Total touls—Detroit 26, Milweukes 24, Technicals—Detroit allegal detense. Flagrant toul—Lang. A—13,065

Vancouver 19 33 16 28—100
Deriver 22 21 21 23—87
VANCOUVER J100) Audur-Rahkin 8-15 38 19. Thorpe 2-4 5-5 9, Reeves 4-8 1-2 9, Mack
2-7 0-0 4, Daniels 2-9 2-4 6, Mayberry 4-7 0-0
10. Edwards 6-15 6-6 27, Chilcutt 2-2 0-0 5, Lynch 3-8 5-6 11. Totats 38-78 2-23 100.
DERVER (87) Wolf 0-2 0-0 0, Ellis 8-13 22 17, Gerrett 5-8 9-7 13, Jackson 7-14 3-5 18, Sith 0-6 6-6 8, Newman 6-14 2-2 14, Fortson 2-10 6-8 10, Landerdale 2-5 1-2 5, Goldwire 1-2 0-0 2, Washington 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-75 23-30 87.

87. Fouted out—None. Rebounds—Vancouver 53 (Thorpe 7). Danver 50 (Garrett 11). Assists—Vancouver 25 (Mayberry 5), Derver 16 (Jackson 7). Total louis—Vancouver 22, Derver 25. Technicals—Vancouver Illegal defense, Derver illegal defense 2. A—9,718

LA Lakers 29 18 22 27—97
Utah 31 22 25 14—92
LA LAKERS 97) Fox 59 5-6 17.
Campbell 2-4 0-2 4, O'Neal 7-10 3-8 17, Jones
5-13 3-4 15, Van Enel 4-13 10-10 19, Blouri 3-4
0-0 8, Bennett 0-1 0-0 0, Bryant 4-10 11-12 19,
Pather 0-3 0-0 0, Rooks 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 30-68
32-42 97.
UTAH 921 Koefe 2-3 1-1 6, Malone 10-22
6-8 26, Foster 6-7 2-4 14, Hornacek 5-10 8-6
18, Eisley 5-11 1-1 12, Vaughin 2-7 2-2 6,

Ostertag 2-2 2-3 8. Russell 0-4 0-0 0. Anderson 2-5 0-0 4. Carr 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 34-75 21-27 92 Fouled out—Campbell Rebounds—Los Angeles 51 (O'Neal 9), Utah 44 (Malorie 9). Assists—Los Angeles 19 (Van Evel 5), Utah 26 (Esley 7). Total louis—Los Angeles 27, Utah 35. Rechnicals—Los Angeles Regal defense, A—19,911.

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Delice 22 31 22 20—86
Sacrassento 22 31 24 25—102
DALLAS (95) Scott 8-24 0-0 20, Green 7-15 8-7 20, Bradley 8-11 2-2 18, Finley 6-12 0-0
14, Reeves 3-9 2-2 8, Oille 0-3 2-2 2, Davis 2-5
0-0 5, Walter 2-4 0-1 4, Strickland 1-2 2-2 4, Totals 37-86 14-16 95.
SACRAMENTO (102) Williamson 10-15 0-1
20, Owens 4-9 0-0 8, Polynics 7-15 0-2 14, Richmond 7-17 2-4 17, Dehere 2-10 0-0 4, Johnson 4-9 3-4 12, Slewart 2-2 0-0 4, Funderburle 7-8 4-6 18, Abdu-Washad 2-6 1-2 5, Totals 45-92 10-19 103.
Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Dalles 47 (Green 18), Sacramento 60 (Polynics 13), Assists—Dellas 20 (Scott, Strictland 4), Sacramento 23 (Scott, 10), Total louis—

Minnesota 28 18 31 33—106
Phoenix 22 28 22 18—90
MMNNESCTA (109) Garnett 9-14 6-8 28,
Gurjicita 9-15 2-2 20, Paries 2-4 3-8 7, Mentury
6-12 3-6 23, Carr 8-11 1-2 13, West 3-5 1-2 7,
Porter 2-8 0-0 4, Mitchell 2-5 2-3 6, Jordan 0-1
1-2-1, Wheat 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 0-0 1-2 1. Totals
42-73 22-30 108.
PHOENIX (90) Chapman 6-17 0-0 19.
McDyess 2-6 0-0 4, Robinson 2-5 0-0 4, Notic 2-8
1-3 5, Johnson 10-16 7-9 27, Marning 7-12 88 20, McDount 4 - 04 3, Nash 3-11 0-0 5,
Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 36-82 14-20 90, Fouled
out-None, Rabountis—Minnesota 40 (Guglicita 10), Phoenix 42 (Marning 11). Assists—
Minnesota 22 (Garnett, Guglicita 8), Phoenix 21 (Johnson 8), Total louts—Minnesota 18, Phoenix 22, A--19 023

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CLASSICAL MUSIC Clarinetist Chen Halevi, pianist Shlomi Shaban, and soprano Sharon Rostorf present

chamber music by Jacob, Meyerbeer, Prokofiev, Brahms and Spohr Saturday (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum. The Jerusalem Confederation House

Ensemble Dem make its debut at the Jerusalem Confederation House, presents the premiere performance of Ensemble Dem, six musicians performing traditional and classical music by Jewish composers from Moslem countries. Saturday (9). Michael Ajzenstadt

If you missed the Herzliya Chamber Orchestra's opening concert at the Herzliya Museum, you can catch the program of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Neapolitan folk songs sung by tenor Yotam Cohen. The HCO is a stalwart little orchestra making pleasing music. Conductor Harvey Bordowitz gives an explanatory talk at 8. The concert, at the Beil Ye ari auditorium, is on Saurday at 8:30 p.m.

Helen Kaye

ENGLISH LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

Professor Haim Hazan will speak on "A Nation Divided" tomorrow at the UK building of Life Sciences on the Tel Aviv University campus (entrance through gate 1 for cars) at 11 a.m.

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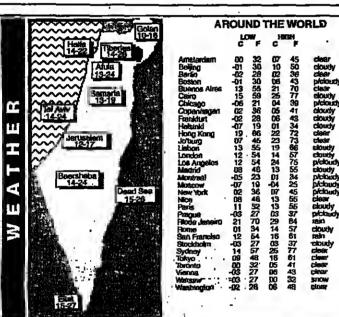
director Dani Gottfried on piano, Arale Kaminski on drums, and Albert Piamenta on sax and clarinet. Lonzo has lived in New Orleans all his life and breathed its music through his pores, as well as playing with such groups as the Heritage Hall Jazz Band. Tonight at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 9.

It's blues night at the International Guitar Festival featuring the Texas Flood and Daily Blues ensembles. At the Enav Center in Tel Aviv's Gan Ha'ir at 10 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** MRS. BROWN - An ominous hush hangs over John Madden's poignant costume drama about the unlikely friendship between the griefstricken Queen Victoria (Judi Dench), recently widowed ruler of the British Empire, and John Brown (Billy Connolly), a blunt Scottish servant assigned to look after her horses. When the film opens, some three years after the Prince Consort's death, Victoria is still folded deep in her mourning and Brown, e favorite servant of Albert, arrives on the scene, determined to rouse the queen from her depression. Madden and screenwriter Jeremy Brock focus their energies on creating a bond between the two that makes undeniable emotional sense. And Dench and Connolly both give performances of remarkable poise. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children)



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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Transfer directors at the exchange (11) 8 Not even a Chopin lover objects to miscellaneous

pieces (4,3,4) 11 Still, it might be a subject. for the artist (4)

12 Comes in a tee-chest individually (4) 13 Got fed up with being derided (7)

15 Get dunderhead to twist, before the French weaken (7) 16 Got up in a bad temper—is

enraged in fact (5) 17 Set-becks do not affect Auntie (4)

18 Dispute backing it—very loudly (4) 19 Sounds like unprepossessing fruit (5)

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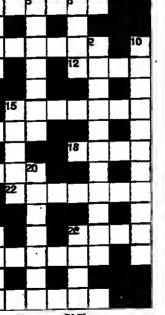
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ments diverting as can be (11)

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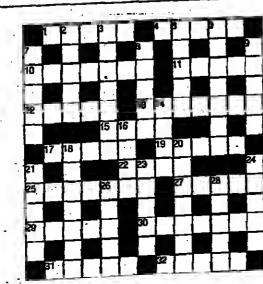


25 Being in good taste, they may well let it stand (4) 26 Unable to decide if it has been damaged (4)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Wrecked, 5 Etude, 6 Igloo, 9 Naughty, 10 Thicken, 11 Tarsi, 12 Lagged, 14 Dragon, 17 Pouch, 19 Templar, 22 October, 23 Draft, 24 Yeast, 25 Ha DOWN: 1 Wrist, 2 Briking, 3 Knock 4 Dining, 5 Equator, 6 Usher, 7 Elysian, 12 Leprosy, 13 Exhibit, 15 Gallant, 16 Starch, 18 Ultra, 20 Madam. 21 Rotor.

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Don't sit! (5) 4 Back gardens (5) 10 Hair wash (7) 11 Girls' name (5) 12 Boredom (5) 13 Fetched (7) 15 Painter (4) 17 Lariat (5) 19 Demise (5) 22 Ale (4) jug (4)
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Francis quits Tottenham

LONDON (Reuters) - Gerry Francis admitted yesterday be was not sure whether he had made the right decision to walk out on Tottenham Hotspur after three

eventful years as manager. Francis explained his reasons for quitting at a packed news conference at White Hart Lane and said: "I am not entirely sure I am doing

the right thing. "It is an honor to manage a club like Tottenham and I have enjoyed my time here. But there comes a time when your own personal pride makes you go to the chairman and ask him what he thinks. We needed to win a trophy this season but we

had a bad start. "I felt it would give the club a lift and the players a bit of a release if I Francis blamed Tottenham's poor results on a crop of injuries but backed chairman Alan Sugar and new manager Christian Gross of Swiss club Grasshoppers to transform the fortunes of the under-achieving North London giants who have not won an bonor since the FA Cup in 1991.

And he warned Gross of problems bead, saying: "Managing abead, saying: "Managing Tottenham is a difficult job. In many ways it is quite a political club, it is a big chub potentially but league results don't always show it and they have not won the title for 36

"When I was at Queens Park Rangers we always finished above Tottenham in the league which perhaps shouldn't be." It was unusual for a departing manager, to hold a resignation press conference - and even more unusual for the chairman to be sitting next to the outgoing

But Francis explained: "We talked a lot about whether I should come on my own today, but we starttogether when I went out."

Citing the injuries to internationals like Darren Anderton, Les Ferdinand and Steffen Iversen which blighted his plans, be also said that it was difficult to replace players of the caliber of Nick Barmby, Juergen Klinsmann and Teddy Sheringham.

"Last season was probably the hardest one of my life. To keep Tottenham up was quite a feat in itself but to finish in the top half of the table was a real performance." Sugar said that former Tottenham

defender Chris Hughton, who has been coaching the reserves, will take over as first team coach under Gross who will be introduced at a news conference today. Sugar said: "Reports about his

assistant Fritz Schmid coming with the new manager are inaccurate and Chris will be taking over as coach." He would not elaborate further on the new management appointments.

Expos send Pedro Martinez to Boston

Big-name trades bring excitement to low-key expansion draft

PHOENIX (AP) - For seven hours, the expansion draft dragged on and on, just begging for one name player to be picked. And then the moment it ended, all heck broke

Trades came so quickly that general managers literally stacked up to announce them, with NL Cy Young winner Pedro Martinez, Fred McGriff, Robb Nen and Travis Fryman

among the stars changing teams.

The two newcomers, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks, got into the act while the World Series champion Florida Marlins continued their breakup. In all, there were more than a dozen trades and

free-agent signings.

'Things were coming together and falling apart all night, and that's what makes it exciting," Arizona general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "This is the kind of activity we used to have at the winter meetings, and fans love." The deals included these: - Martinez was sent from Montreal to Boston for young pitcher Carl Pavano and a player to be named. Francisco for three young pitchers, then trad-ed ontfielder Devon White to Arizona for just-drafted pitcher Jesus Martinez.

— The Devil Rays got first baseman McGriff from Atlanta for a player to be named and signed free ageot reliever Roberto Hernandez. Tampa Bay also got shortstop Kevin Stocker from Philadelphia for just-picked outfielder Bob Abreu.

The Diamondbacks acquired Detroit third baseman Fryman for newly drafted Joe Randa in a four-player deal. - Montreal traded second baseman Mike

Lansing to Colorado for three minor lea-The trades far overshadowed a draft in which the two new teams steered clear of high-priced vets and focused on pinching prospects. The Devil Rays made Florida

Cleveland pitcher Brian Anderson. In all, 39 of the 70 draft picks were pitchers, with Bob Wolcott and Brian Boehringer

pitcher Tony Saunders the No. I choice and

the Arizona Diamondbacks then took

- The Marlins dealt closer Nen to San among them. Most had little or no big league experience - that may be the best way to build, but it hardly makes for high drama.

"Most expansion drafts go this way," Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz said. These are not familiar names, not household names to most fans. But I think it's a wise thing to do, to look for young pitching." At best, the choosing of Colorado outfielder Quinton McCracken, Boston pitcher Jeff Suppan, White Sox catcher Jorge Fabregas and Anaheim knuckleballer Dennis Springer - the only player over 30 to be picked in the opening two rounds - prompted a mild response from the small gallery.

But the mention of Esteban Yan, Hanley Frias, Steve Cox and Chris Clemons led some fans to chant, "Bor-ing! Bor-ing!" Yet as history has shown, picking fading stars such as Gil Hodges, Ted Kluszewski and Bill Singer in expansion drafts rarely produces success. That might be the reason the Devil Rays and Diamondbacks avoided such players as Eric Davis, Eric Karros, Eric Young,

sense for both teams to go the way they did," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. Arizona, which will play in the NL West next season, began the third round by picking Pittsburgh third baseman Joe Randa, who hit 302 this year. Later, Tampa Bay,

which will be in the AL East, took Atlanta pitcher Terrell Wade. For Saunders and Anderson, it's a new

When last seen together, Saunders and Anderson were pitching in the snow during Game 4 of the World Series. This time, they were linked again amid palm trees and cactuses as the top two picks.

The Devil Rays took Saunders just three weeks after the 23-year-old pitcher helped the Marlins complete their five-year zoom from expansion losers to World Series win-

"It's an honor," said Saunders, reunited with Rothschild, the Marlins' pitching coach until this month. "That tells me I must have done something right, that they wanted me before anybody else."
Saunders went 46 with a 4.61 ERA lights first season in the majors, though he went 3.

O with a 1.65 ERA against Atlanta. He was in Florida's postseason rotation, and started and lost Game 4 of the Series at Cleveland.

The Diamondbacks followed by choosing the 25-year-old Anderson.

"I enjoyed my time in Cleveland," he said "I'm looking forward to being on a team that's just starting out." Anderson was 42-with a 4.69 ERA in eight starts for Cleveland, then sparkled in the postseason. He had a 2.45 ERA in three relief appearances in the World Series, earning a save with three scoreless innings in the Indians' 10-3 win over Saunders and the Marlins in

The draft was held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, right across the street from the Diamondbacks' new Bank One Ballpark. The draft hall was decorated to make both teams feel comfortable, with palm trees for the Devil Rays and cactuses for the

because she's one of my best friends," said Majoli, the sixth seed

from Croatia. "Every point was hard. She beats me so many times"

"I felt really comfortable coming

into this tournament. I feel my serve helped me a lot on key points and

she was struggling a little on her

serve. I was putting more pressure on her than last week when she beat

me." Although Majoli won in straight sets, she totaled only four

more points than Huber, 88-84, in

The 20-year-old Majoli, buoyed

by her first Grand Slam champi-

onship ("what every player wants," she called it), said she feels she has

the ability to challenge Martina

Hingis for the top ranking next year.

pretty far," she said. "But I feel if I

work hard and focus and give 100

Majoli, who also defeated Huber in the first round of this townsment

last year, plays Nathalie Tauziat of

to capture the opening set against Huber, rallying from a 4-1 deficit.

She won three games in a row, then

seemingly had the set in control

Huber, who lost a five-set thriller

to Graf in the final of this tourna-

ment two years ago, forced a

tiebreak by breaking back in the

12th game with a forehand cross-

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percent, I have a good chance."

France in the quarter-finals. Majoli staged a strong comeback

"We've got to fight to get to the No. 1 position because we are all so close and Martina is ahead of us

the 1 hour 38 minute match.

and I beat her sometimes.

Hingis, Majoli, Novotna advance at Chase tourney

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Top seed Martina Hingis, in quest of one of the few honors to clude her, advanced to the quarter-finals of the Chase Championships on Tuesday night with a straight-sets victory over Brenda Schultz-McCarthy,

Schultz-McCarthy, possessor of the fastest serve in women's tennis, carried Hingis to a tiebreak in the opening set but in the first game of the second set she tore off the nail on her right toe while she was lunging for a volley.

Following an injury timeout, the towering Dutch player went ahead 2-1 in that set but had trouble moving and was unable to continue, giving Hingis a 7-6 (7-3) 5-2 victory.

The nail completely went off the toe," said the 6-foot-2 (1.88 m) tall Schuitz-McCarthy. "I can hardly walk, I guess it's just bad luck. I played seven weeks in a row, so I guess my body is exhausted."

Hingis, winner of 12 tournaments this year including Wimbledon and the Australian and US Opens, has a match record of 75-4 for 1997. The only major tournament she has failed to win, other than the Chase, is the French Open. Iva Majoli of Croatia, the woman

who denied Hingis a Grand Slam sweep by beating her in the French, also won her opening match in Madison Square Garden, defeating Anke Huber of Germany 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-2).

In the final match of the night, second seed Jana Novoma of the Czech Republic overcame deficits of 3-1 in the first set and 2-0 in the second to defeat Spaniard Couchita Martinez 6-4 6-4.

"After the Grand Slams, this is the biggest tournament in the world you can play," said Hingis, who lost to Steffi Graf in five sets in last year's Chase final.



FULLY FOCUSED - Jana Novotna prepares to hit a backhaud slice to Conchita Martinez at the season-ending WTA Championships at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night. Novotna won 6-4, 6-4.

"You want to end the season the San Diego, California. way you started. I'm looking forward to my next match." The 17year-old Swiss world No. 1 next meets Mary Pierce, whom she defeated in the Australian Open final in January and then again in

Schultz-McCarthy, who blasted eight aces in the opening set, broke in the third game, but Hingis retaliated in the next game.

After falling behind 2-1 in the tiebreak. Hingis won three consecu-

rest of the way.

Hingis, who played four three-set matches in winning at Philadelphia last week, said her legs still feel a bit sore and that she was looking forward to a rest following this \$2

Majoli avenged her loss to Huber

in the opening round at Philadelphia last week, although Huber still leads their bead-to-head rivalry 5-3.

,son for the Grizzlies, who didn't win

LaPhonso Ellis scored 17 points

in his first start for the Nuggets, who

lost a franchise-record ninth time to

Timberwoives 108, Suns 90

23 points in the final 5:13 as the

Timberwolves used a late surge to

win on the road. Kevin Gamett led Minnesota with

26 points and Tom Gugliotta added

20 points, 10 rebounds and eight

assists. But it was Marbury who

ended Phoenix's final comeback bid

by spearheading a 15-0 run that

helped turn a tight game into an 18-

Bucks 87, Pistons 79

In a game that featured the sec-

ond-lowest scoring first half in

NBA history, Ray Alien and Terrell

Brandon scored 21 points apiece as

Milwaukee led just 31-29 at the

half, and the combined 60 points

was only two more than the NBA

record of 58 scored by Syracuse and

Magic 112, Clippers 94

Mark Price, snapping out of a major shooting slump, hit 10 of 13

shots and scored 23 points as

Orlando notched a home victory.

Fort Wayne in January 1955.

point margin of victory.

Milwaukee won at home.

Stephon Marbury scored 11 of his

start the season

that many last year until Dec. 17.

"it's very hard to play Anke

Huber, 22, achieved the first break of the second set in the ninth game, but was unable to serve out the set as Majoli broke back in the 10th game at 15. Huber took the first two points of the tiebreaker before Majoli swept the next seven.

Green ties consecutive game streak, but Mavs lose It was the fifth victory of the sea-

Mavericks A.C. Green tied the NBA record by playing in his 906th consecutive game, but Dallas lost its seventh straight game, 102-95 to the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday.

Corliss Williamson had 20 points

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two-game losing streak. Lawrence Funderburke added a season-high 18 points and Mitch Richmond, who had led the Kings in scoring in all nine of their previous games, had

Greeo had 20 points and 13 to lead Sacramento, which broke a rebounds for Dallas. Dennis Scott

had 20 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and Shawn Bradley added 18. Green, who has not missed a

game since November 1986, tied

the record set by Randy Smith with

several teams from 1977-83. He is

expected to break the record tonight when the Mavericks host the Golden State Warriors. Green, 34, spent eight seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers and 3

traded to the Mavericks in December 1996. He entered Tuesday night's game averaging 10.4 points and 11 rebounds in a team-leading 38.8

1/2 years in Phoenix before being

minutes per game. Lakers 97, Jazz 92 Kobe Bryant blocked Bryon

Russell's 3-point attempt with five seconds left and went in for an uncontested windmill dunk to seal undefeated Los Angeles away win.

With four seconds left and the Lakers up 95-92, Russell took an inbounds pass and squared up from 25 feet. But the ball was swatted to mid-court by Bryant, who then scooped it up and dunked with sixtenths of a second to play.

The win gave Los Angeles (9-0) the best start in team history and kept the Lakers in the ranks of the undefeated along with the Atlanta

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 26 points, while Nick Van Exel added 19 for the Lakers.

Hawks 98, Wizards 89 (OT) Rookie Ed Gray scored seven points in overtime as unbeaten Atlanta rallied in the fourth quarter and then shut out visiting Washington in the extra period. Christian Laettner and Mookie Blaylock scored 24 points apiece for the Hawks, whose 11-0 start is the best in the NBA.

Gray, playing in place of Steve

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Smith (back spasms), ended with

It was the second overtime victory this season for Atlanta, which has had only one double-digit margin of victory - 11 points - in its streak. The Hawks have won 10 straight overtime games dating to the 1994-95 season.

Rockets 95, Knicks 84 Hakeem Olajuwon found his shooting touch with 24 points and Matt Maloney fireshed one stry of his career-high with 23 as Houston

won at home. Houston snapped its four-game losing streak and ended New York's three-game victory streak.

John Starks led the Knicks with 29 points and Charlie Ward had 14. Celtics 122, Raptors 109 Dee Brown went 4-of-4 on 3-

pointers in the first half as visiting Boston built a 23-point lead and cruised to its fourth straight win. The four-game winning streak, which includes two victories over the Raptors, is the Celtics' longest

since they won five straight from

March 31 to April 9, 1995. Toronto has lost seven straight. Grizzlies 100, Nuggets 87 Blue Edwards scored 27 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 18 as Vancouver won its first road

game of the season. EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's results: Boston 122, Toronto 109; Orlando 112, L.A. Chopers 94; Atlanta 98, Washington 89 (OT); Houston 95, New York 84; Milwaukee 67, Detroit 79; Vancouver

reports say Aussie coach was Stasi spy

Row grows as

CANBERRA (Reuters) - Australia moved yesterday to hasten an investigation into the appointment of a former East German trainer as its head athletics coach after renorts said he had spied for the former communist nation's secret police.

Australian sports minister Andrew Thomson urged a prompt resolution to the inquiry into Ekkart Arbeit's appointment following the release of files which German officials say also show Arbeit was aware of the systernatic use of performance enhancing drugs by East German athletes over many years.

"Australian sport must not only be drug-free but must be seen to be drug free," Thomson said in a statement. Athletics Australia has been roundly criticized over Arbeit's appointment, with athletes and officials calling for the appointment to be overturned.

"Arbeit is dead in the water," Australia's highest-ranked Olympic official, International Olympic Committee vice-president Kevan Gosper, was quoted as saying in The Sydney Morning Herald yesterday. "Athletics Australia must with

draw the offer even if they have to buy him out," Gosper said. Thomson later told parliament he had been advised the appointment had not been finalized and a contract

with Arbeit had not been signed. Australian media reported widely yesterday Stasi files had been released by the German government overnight.

The files reportedly show Arbeit had passed on information about athletes for over 20 years to the Stasi, including details such as sexual preferences and one 1975 note which raised concern about the use of anabolic steroids by female athletes.

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